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Looks like a white Christmas after all

After the unseasonably warm weather during the first half of December, Saturday's snow brought out the Christmas spirit — and the Christmas tree hunters. Amy and Tony Chapman and daughter Caitlin Kennett (in red) cut a tree at the Kids for Trees lot on Route 26. The Chapman's son, Will, also helped out in choosing the family fir. (Aloisio photo)



Neighbors, planners oppose Greenwood junkyard application

By MICHAEL DANIELS
A collection of junked vehicles near the foot of Rowe Hill Road may lead the town to tightening its regulations governing such sites. At their regular meeting Tuesday evening, the town selectmen took up a junkyard application from Malcolm McLean Jr. For several years the Town Office has been fielding complaints about McLean's collection of old vehicles, and last year the town went to court in an attempt to force him to clean up the site. Last November, McLean signed a consent agreement ordering him to erect within 30 days a stockade fence around any unregistered vehicles at the site and to begin the permitting process for a junkyard license.

The fence went up earlier this year, and on Nov. 13 McLean filed an application for a junkyard permit. (This was the last possible day if he were to comply with the consent agreement, according to Town Manager Carol Whitman.)

The selectmen took up the application. See JUNKYARD, page 4

ASC posts large first quarter loss

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Newry-based American Skiing Company followed its biggest loss on record with another loss of \$65.5 million in the first quarter, the company announced last week.

The loss during the quarter ended Oct. 28 comes on the heels of a \$114.2 million loss during the fourth quarter.

The company generally loses money during first and last quarters because of the seasonal nature of the ski business. But the size of the loss caught the attention of analysts and shareholders.

"The loss is not a surprise. The magnitude of the loss certainly is," said Brad McCurtain, president of Maine Securities in Portland, which specializes in tracking Maine-based companies.

Following the announcement ASC stock dipped nearly 16 percent, down to 70 cents a share, in trading on the New York Stock Exchange. By Tuesday, the stock had risen to 72 cents a share.

Despite the loss, ASC's top executives said they remain confident. See ASC, page 4

Vogt ready to pass on the Planning Board reins

By ALISON ALOISIO
Frank Vogt served as chairman of the Bethel Planning Board for much of a decade of active growth and change, and the controversy it sometimes inspires. At the end of this month, he will conclude a total of more than a dozen years as a planner.

Vogt volunteered to serve in 1989, after he had been retired for several years from Gould Academy, where he taught English.

His time on the board has been filled with plenty of frustration, he said. But there were also rewards.

"It was frustrating in the sense that as a Planning Board, we cannot please all the people all the time," he said.

And, more specifically, "As the board has addressed different applications, we have seen a lot of controversy." See VOGT, page 2

Contested projects bumped back to Appeals Board

By ALISON ALOISIO
Appeals on a Bethel Station apartment project and the Angevine Park swimming pond project will return to the Bethel Board of Appeals Jan. 8.

The Planning Board approved the apartment project, proposed by Community Concepts, in September. It was appealed by citizens who argued, among other things, that an affordable housing project was not needed in Bethel, and that the board's approval should have provided for at least partially building out the Mechanic Street extension.

And the Angevine Park project,

also approved in September, was appealed by Bob and Cynthia Laux. They said it would have a negative visual impact on their property, and could harm their own nearby pond.

But when the Appeals Board came to consider the issues Nov. 19, town attorney Geoff Hole recommended they remand both to the Planning Board. He said planners needed to go through the Findings of Fact procedure (which examines whether 17 different criteria have been met), and specifically state why the projects met each.

Past practice has been to elaborate. See PROJECTS, page 2

Flickers of light in Bethel Station

By REBECCA ZICARELLI
Nobody knows the hopes and dreams or the frustrations and delays of development at Bethel Station as well as Elaine Riendeau. She has worked for Bethel Station Limited Partnership since 1994 and managed the development since 1997.

In that time, she's encountered all the hope for economic growth the community holds for Bethel Station. She's also dealt with the vitriol the community harbors for the development.

Through it all, her belief in the potential of Bethel Station has remained bright. Bright enough that one year ago this month, she and her husband, Scott, purchased Casablanca Cinema.

Riendeau said she doesn't regret the decision, despite the ongoing controversies. "There are people who are very pro-Bethel Station," she said, "people who think it's a good type of development. It's localized into one area, a way to counter strip development."

"Then, there are still those who believe that what should transpire here won't be a good complement to the community."

Riendeau attends selectmen's meetings, Planning Board meetings, and public hearings — all venues where criticism of the station is at least as common as support. "I need to have a very thick skin," she said. "The people who don't like the idea of Bethel Station aren't afraid to voice that."

"Seeing everything that has transpired, I truly believe that, maybe

not today, but someday, Bethel Station will be something that not only I can be proud to be part of, but that the town can be proud of."

And she has faith in the owners of the Bethel Station. "They're great people, very business oriented. They're not looking for development here to be low quality, they're still committed to the Victorian facades."

Casablanca owner Elaine Riendeau offers her picks for 2001's top movies—page 3

Buying in
The criticism surrounding the station didn't even cross Riendeau's mind when she decided to buy the movie theater with her husband last year.

"Was I nervous?" she said, "Absolutely. But I wasn't nervous about investing in Bethel Station. My primary concern was making sure I had enough support within my extended family."

Riendeau, who lives in Gorham, N.H., has a 13-year-old son, Patrick. The change in her work schedule, from days to evenings, was paramount in her decision. She credits her in-laws, who live across the street, with giving her the confidence to go ahead. With them available, Patrick isn't alone after-

noons and evenings. He has someone to help with homework, someone to share supper with.

"In a nutshell, this is a huge investment. I didn't want to look back and say, 'What if?' You never know if you don't try."

Besides the schedule changes, owning the theater has presented other challenges.

"This is the first time I've ever had employees," Riendeau said. Currently, she employs one person full-time, four people part-time, and one person on an as-needed basis.

Then there are the challenges of booking movies. "We had a drought of good releases from major studios last spring," Riendeau said. Casablanca already had a tradition of running independent and art films in February, so she decided to use these offbeat films to fill out the dry spell.

It's a tradition that looks to be permanent, and one favored by a substantial segment of her customers.

As she sold tickets and popcorn last Monday, a number of customers asked what was good, what was coming next. A few requested films, and Riendeau promised to look into them.

"She does a great job," said Dale Buck, a regular customer. "She gets all the new films here."

Sue Lincoln, another regular customer and independent-film fan, is also pleased with Riendeau's bookings. "She's great at responding to things people want to see," Lincoln said.

See MOVIES, page 4

Christmas For Children

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$5,200 toward its goal of \$8,000 in this year's Christmas for Children campaign. The money will be used to purchase toys for needy local boys & girls. Donations can be sent to: The Bethel Rotary Club Christmas for Children c/o David Murphy 844 Mayville Road Bethel, ME 04217

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we will be CLOSED on Tuesday, January 1st.

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Letters

COME BECOME FAMOUS

To the Editor:

Just a quick reminder that the annual community Living Nativity will be held this Sunday evening at 5 p.m. on the Common. It will include live cows, sheep and goats and many people — young and old — from our community. Those wishing to be a part of the pageant or the choir should meet at the Bethel Inn Conference Center at 3:30 p.m. to get dressed as well as to go over parts. This year, the corral has been enlarged and revamped, as well as the lighting and sound system improved.

Also, one of the nationally known magazines, Country Woman, will be getting pictures of the event for a future article, so c'mon out and become famous. For more information, please call 824-2289. We'll see you Sunday.

Rick Mowery
Living Nativity Coordinator

REFLECTING ON CHRISTMAS

To the Editor:

Once again while those of us who are Christians reflect upon the miracle of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, and celebrate the glorious incarnation of our blessed Lord, there are many indications that Christmas is no longer politically correct. Those in our government (public) schools can no longer mention Christmas or sing the Christmas carols that mention, God forbid, the letters J-E-S-U-S in that order. Frosty, Santa, Winter Wonderland and all that are acceptable; Jesus Christ cannot be mentioned. Isn't it strange how our educational establishment that prides itself so much on freedom of speech won't allow Christians the same right? "R" rated movies are allowable for a school, but mentioning Christmas would somehow corrupt the young people — at least in the minds of some.

Are things better in the world of commerce? A trip to the shopping mall reveals many banners proclaiming "Happy Holidays" and "Season's Greetings," yet few that dare wish shoppers a "Merry Christmas." Christmas presents are now "holiday gifts." I don't think I've had a store clerk yet this year wish me a Merry Christmas.

Why is it we can have a public holiday on Dec. 25, yet not mention the One to whom it refers in our schools, stores and government offices? The Christmas tree for many locales is now the "Holiday Tree." One wonders what will happen when the "diverse" crowd discovers that the etymology of holiday is actually "holy day." What then? I suppose that then the innocuous term "Season's Greetings" will be the fare. My prayer is that everyone reading this will take time to reflect on what Christmas is really all about: the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Wish the next person you see Merry Christmas for me.

Pastor Peter Laitres
Bryant Pond Baptist Church

BEAUTIFUL PERFORMANCES

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Reader's Theater Group, who performed for Crescent Park School so beautifully. The following second- and third-graders acted "Billy Goat Gruff" with the following cast of actors. Narrator One for Three Billy Goats, Jessica Ladd; Wee Billy Goat, Abbie Turner; Great Big Billy Goat Gruff, Casey Thornton; Troll, Jonathan Scheidegger; Middle-sized Billy Goat Gruff, Samantha Tibbets; Narrator for Troll, Katie Dunican, who unfortunately was ill (so sorry Katie); Troupier Jessie Turner filled in the last minute — thanks Jessie. The fourth- and fifth-graders presented "Freckle Juice" with actors Victoria Bobbie as Narrator One and Mrs. Burrows; Andrew played by Asher Wilson; Sharon performed by Felicia Dumont; Kaitlin Keane as Miss Kelly; Jessie Turner as Narrator Two and Andrew's Mom; with Mason Mills playing the part of Nicky Lane, the guy with freckles.

The Reader's Theater Middle School actors performed at Telstar on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Scenes were taken from chapters one, two and three, which involved the action of the "Muggles" family who had taken in Harry Potter when they found him on the doorstep. Actors involved were: Josh Oliver as Harry Potter; Jonathan Parsons as Uncle Vernon; Julia Rhineland as Petunia; Dudley played by Marty Donovan; Mr. and Mrs. Mason acted by Missie Yasko and Lisa Ojeda; Tamara Isham with Missie Yasko playing the part of Mrs. Weasley. All filled in as narrators as necessary.

As you can see, they all were a very busy, versatile group. That's what Reader's Theater is all about. They do not need to memorize parts but must learn to read with expression, correct pronunciation, projection and confidence.

"We'll start two six-week Telstar Theater classes (middle and high school). Crescent Park will also have two six-week classes. Both will start Friday, Jan. 11. For more information, call me at 824-2030.

Sue Farrar
Reader's Theater Group

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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REMEMBERING RUTH CUMMINGS

To the Editor:

Finding out that Ruth Cummings had passed away this week brought back a rush of memories as I recalled my habitual early morning walks in the early and mid-1990s. Invariably, I would meet Ruth on one of her routes around the town, and her genuine smile and hearty greeting always started my day off just right. I'd ask her how she was finding Sudbury Village or Gould Academy that morning, and she would respond "Gosh! It's awfully quiet up there in Sudbury Village. Don't suppose anything's wrong, do you?" I'd chuckle, we'd exchange a few more one-liners, and then we'd bid each other a good morning and a better day.

As time passed, Ruth began walking with the aid of a cane and then finally a walker. Though her morning regimen became more painful and awkward, our meetings on the street never lost their luster. She was simply one of the most cheerful, good-humored people I had ever known.

Jan and I delivered some home-grown tomatoes, potatoes and beans to her one August day and from then on in the early summer of ensuing years, she would ask, "Say, John, how are those tomatoes coming along?"

I know Ruth was not in good health and was probably very happy to pass on and be with her husband Arthur. I'm just happy I had the chance to develop a relationship with her, laugh with her at most anything on those early morning walks, and witness her unflagging optimism and faith. I'm sure she touched others as much, if not more, than she did me.

John Todd
Bethel

JAZZ BAND HERE FOR NEW YEAR'S

To the Editor:

The State Street Traditional Jazz Band of Portland will be featured in a return engagement for New Year's Bethel 2001. The program will feature authentic New Orleans jazz, including hymns, spirituals, parade tunes and popular songs of the day as they were played in New Orleans, La., when the jazz art form was initially created.

The band has played for such special events as the Maine Festival of the Arts' 20th anniversary celebration, recognizing bandleader Mark Finks as one of the originators of the festival in collaboration with his personal friend and festival founder, Marshall Dodge. Concerts for the Portland Museum of Art Jazz Brunch Series have set attendance records and made hundreds of new friends for the music.

The State Street Traditional Jazz Band was organized in 1988 to present programs of New Orleans jazz to audiences in Maine, drawing upon the personal experience of trumpeter John Page and banjoist/clarinetist, Mary Finks, with the veteran musicians in New Orleans.

We eagerly await the enthusiastic and appreciative audiences we always enjoy at Bethel. They are a big part of what the music is all about, because their happy response is very similar to people's reactions to the music down in New Orleans.

Mark Finks, leader
Portland

WONDERFUL OPTIONS FOR KIDS

To the Editor:

A work colleague once said to me, "When I go to Bethel, I never see kids, where are they?" You don't have a problem with that anymore. Driving by Davis Park it seems there wasn't a day this fall, not even in the rain, when there wasn't someone playing on the playground, using the skateboard area, or biking down the path. In a season when we count our blessings, I'm thankful to Marcie Baker, Marie Keane and Linda Gamble who worked on the initial idea of Davis Park. I'm also thankful to all since, such as Don Murphy, who have worked tirelessly to make the pathway and skateboard park a possibility. It is wonderful to see more and more options for our children and community.

Thank you all and happy holidays.

Kathy Goldberg
Bethel

Projects

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rate only on criteria that were not met.

Hole said further explanation by planners would give the Board of Appeals the information and reasoning it needed to understand "what (the planners) did, and why." Appeals members could then decide if the planners had gone against town ordinances in giving their approval to the projects.

The Board of Appeals voted to remand the issues, with instructions that planners give particular attention to the appellants' grievances.

Apartment

The apartment complex would occupy property along the unbuilt Mechanic Street Extension. Access to the apartments' parking lot, however, would be from Cross Street, by way of a curb cut established as part of the original Bethel Station project.

Town Manager Scott Cole had said in a Sept. 5 memo to the Planning Board that to approve the development "without making provision for related street construction is contrary to both the Planning Board's previous subdivision and site plan approvals for Bethel Station, and basic municipal planning principles."

At their Nov. 28 meeting, planners addressed the road issue under a Findings of Fact item that consid-

ers whether a project causes congestion or unsafe conditions with respect to the use of existing or proposed public roads.

"The original subdivision approval (under Bethel Station) intended lot use as a mix of commercial and residential. A solely residential lot will reduce the traffic use as originally proposed. It does not significantly contribute to public road congestion nor access onto a public highway."

Two planners dissented on the question — Suzy Harrington and Jan Baker.

Angevine Park

The Findings of Fact procedure appears to provide a vehicle to address only one of the Lauxes' concerns regarding Angevine Park.

The Lauxes had asked for additional natural screening (in the form of trees) for buildings that would be constructed as part of the town swimming pond project.

Planners, in their original approval, required the planting of six to eight-foot trees that would eventually grow into a hedgerow. The Lauxes, however, argued that because the buildings would be 12 to 16 feet tall, the trees planted should be equally tall.

In their written explanation under the criteria regarding screening, the

planners said: "Audio-visual screening of the project will be required as a condition of approval. Conifers at a minimum height of six feet clustered to grow together as a hedgerow will be planted and maintained along the North Road and the east abutting property line."

There was no further explanation. Frank Vogt, Planning Board chairman, said Monday the consensus was that six-to-eight-foot trees were a "reasonable" requirement, given the assumption they would grow.

There were no Findings of Fact questions specifically addressing the Lauxes' concerns about their pond. Pumping water from the town pond site — as called for by the construction plan — has the potential for lowering the surrounding water table and affecting their pond, they said.

As a condition of the original approval, planners stipulated that a professional company monitor nearby wells and ponds during construction.

Hole OK'd explanations

The revised findings of fact were approved by the board last week.

Hole had earlier reviewed and approved them, Vogt said.

They were initially discussed by planners at their Nov. 28 meeting.

Vogt

Continued from page 1

tions, we found ourselves wishing there were stronger land use ordinances, such as zoning," he said. "It's something I've always believed in, no matter how unpopular that may be."

Then there was the Bethel Station project. When it was approved in the mid-1990s, Vogt said, "that was a good feeling. But it was so short-lived. It's a disappointment that it hasn't happened. I think the whole community is disappointed."

Aside from the brief satisfaction of his work on that application, Vogt said there is no one issue that stands out as especially gratifying to him.

But, he said, "in the light of increasingly complex

development issues that continue to test our ordinances, it was always rewarding when we could achieve the sometimes elusive 'greatest good for the greatest number.'"

And despite the frustrations of the planning process, said Vogt, "I will miss the debate and discussion among the members as we considered the applications."

Brown resigns

Also concluding service on the board is David Brown, who joined planners in 1994. He has submitted his resignation with one year left in his current three-year term.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Dog-food bag cries wolf

At 4:05 a.m., police investigated an alarm at a Route 26 business. The dispatcher advised there was interior motion. A closer inspection revealed that an inflatable dog food bag, hanging from the ceiling, had swayed back and forth in front of the sensor.

Thursday, Dec. 13

At 4 p.m., police arrested James J. Tuttle, Jr., 32, of Bethel for domestic assault.

Sunday, Dec. 16

At 2:15 a.m., charged Zachary Fritz, 19, of Bethel with operating an unregistered motor vehicle. Corey Emerson, 19, also of Bethel was charged with illegal attachment of license plates and failure to produce evidence of insurance.

Monday, Dec. 17

At 7:21 p.m., police were dispatched to a report of a domestic disturbance on the Intervale Road, involving an intoxicated man. On arrival it was determined that when his car keys were taken away from him he became very agitated and began pushing people. John Heath was arrested and charged with domestic assault and terrorizing.

Police responded to five property damage vehicle accidents over the course of the day.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summons, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: At a special town meeting Greenwood voters by a 61-9 margin decided not to foreclose on the property of Gilbert Manufacturing Company due to nonpayment of taxes.

Fred Miles of Massachusetts was successful with a bid of \$650,000 and acquired the 20-unit Chamberlain Resort in Hanover.

Gleichman and Co. of Portland agreed to replace trees cut in error between the company's planned apartment complex off Mason Street and Crescent Park School.

Violet Peters Swain, a former teacher and owner of the property, donated the 122-year-old East Andover School to the Andover Historical Society.

Chief Master Sergeant Mark Freeman, native of Bethel, retired after 30 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Sam Timberlake resigned as Bethel's code enforcement officer effective in mid-January.

Death: Margaret H. Humphrey.

20 years ago: Dick Clark and Bob Bartholomew started upgrading telephone lines along the North Road in Bethel and in Gilead village.

The cover of "The American Legion" magazine featured a montage of photographs of relatives and friends of Ida May Powers of Newry.

Kathie Corriveau, daughter of Denis and Mary Corriveau of Gilead, was selected as the D.A.R. "Good Citizen" for the 1981-82 year at Telstar Regional High School.

Sp4 Jeffrey D. Scribner, son of Kendrick and Gail Scribner of Bethel, was serving as an Army recruiter in the Bethel and Rumford area.

Birth: Travis Gilbert.

Death: Mary Jane Houde.

30 years ago: Renovations were underway for the conversion of the second floor of the building housing Sunri Ski Shop and Rolfe's Apparel Shop owned by John E. Grover into a luxury six-unit motel. (The Bethel Spa Motel.)

Sunday River Skiway was selected for the second year as a training area for the 19th Special Forces Group of Fort Devens, Mass., Green Berets.

Aubrey B. Daye had soloed recently at Col. Dyke Field. Terry Twitchell of Turner had been his flight instructor.

Birth: Carl Arthur Baker.

Death: Orlando E. Jordan.

40 years ago: Robert York, formerly of Bethel, was appointed town manager at Kennebunk.

Eugene and Abby Buswell purchased the Robert York property on Chapman Street (now the home of Ken and Gwyneth Bohr).

The Norseman Inn opened on Route 2 in Mayville. Formerly Bethaven Inn, the structure was extensively renovated by its new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Wiese.

It was reported from Andover that measles were the main topic of conversation.

Loton and Iva Hutchinson purchased the Fannie Carter home on Elm Street. (Now the home of the Derek Dresser family.)

Births: Mark Allen and Marlene Ann Bean, Sandra Lynn MacKay.

Death: Nina Goodnow Kelley.

50 years ago: Thermometer readings of minus 38 degrees were reported. A warming trend brought a foot of snow.

Miss Elizabeth Mason of Portland, formerly of Bethel, was injured when her car overturned on Route 108 near Canton. Miss Mason was employed by the Maine Publicity Bureau.

Gould Academy was victorious 52-22 over Bridgton High School in its Sun-Journal League basketball opener.

Birth: Danna Eileen Brown.

Death: Donald N. Sweeney.

60 years ago: Ensign Stanley W. Allen, stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, was reported as lost in action on Dec. 7 when the ship capsized during the Japanese attack.

The entire set of farm buildings of Alice Rolfe in Bethel near the town line in North Albany were a total loss in an early afternoon fire.

The first big snowstorm of the winter measured 18 inches in Newry.

Deaths: Inez Cummings, Arvilla Wilson, Madeline Berry, Ashman Ladd.

80 years ago: The new building being built by the Mount Zircon Spring Water Company was completed.

100 years ago: The Bowdoin Glee and Mandolin Club performed at Odeon Hall.

The Sudbury Colony of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers elected J.C. Billings governor.

The Bethel Masonic Lodge selected W. Bowler as master.

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Briefly

Community ski days expanded

NEWRY—Sunday River's Community Days have been announced for the coming season, and this year the program is expanded to include two additional school districts. The program offers four days of free skiing or riding, rental equipment, clinics and discounts on food. The program, as always, is available to all residents of SAD44, and this year has expanded to SADs 43 (Rumford, Mexico, Byron and Roxbury Pond) and 17 (Harrison, Hebron, Norway, Otisfield, Oxford, Paris, Waterford and West Paris). Residents who have never skied or snowboarded — including adults — are encouraged to participate in a Level 1 Perfect Turn Clinic at no charge. In addition to a lift ticket and rental equipment, a 50 percent discount is available at food and beverage outlets on each of these days. Community Days for SAD44 residents are Jan. 1, Feb. 3, Feb. 24, and April 7. For residents of SADs 43 and 17, the days are Jan. 6 and Jan. 27. In addition to the daily activities, Sunday River will also host three Community Days at night for SAD 44. This will include an evening of activities at the White Cap Fun Center, including tubing and ice skating. These nights are Jan. 3, Jan. 31, and Feb. 28. In order to participate in Community Days, children's names must be on a district list provided to Sunday River by each superintendent's office. Adults who wish to participate must show proof that they are residents of the eligible communities by showing a driver's license, tax bill or other official document. People who wish to use their discount at food and beverage outlets must show a meal voucher that they will receive when they pick up their lift ticket.

Work on Savage application goes on

BETHEL—Ron Savage agreed last week to hire a professional to take a decibel reading at his Intervale Road rock-crushing operation, at the request of the Planning Board. The board is reviewing his application for the operation, which several abutters oppose, citing noise and environmental impact. Both Savage and abutters had taken their own sound meter readings at the site, and found the levels were less than the 75-decibel limit required by the Department of Environmental Protection. But planners said they believed it would be best to have the measurements professionally verified. Savage also said only about 25 percent of the trucks coming in and out of his site are carrying material related to his rock-crushing business. The others, he said, are connected to his gravel pit operation, and because gravel pits are not covered under town ordinance, they should not be considered for their traffic impact as part of the board's review of his application for rock-crushing activities. A public hearing on the application was scheduled for last night (Wednesday).

Odlin out with knee injury

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.—Marty Odlin is looking ahead to the 2006 Olympics, following a knee injury that will keep him out of the 2002 Olympic qualifier competition. Odlin, of Newry, is a member of the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team and the 2001 World Junior Mogul Champion. He suffered a major knee injury on a training run for his first World Cup start Dec. 14, according to Jim Odlin, his father. He was expected to undergo surgery in Vail, Colo. Odlin, a graduate of Gould Academy, will return to his studies at Dartmouth College. He hopes to be back on snow this summer and return to World Cup level competition next winter.

Meeting day change sought

WEST PARIS—A request has been made to selectmen to change the day of the annual Town Meeting, because the current Saturday meeting conflicts with the religious beliefs of some groups, such as Seventh Day Adventists. Because of the Saturday meeting, said the group asking for the change, they are being denied their right to participate. The group is asking the meeting be changed to any day other than Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Spokesman Roland Delameter said that meetings had been held on Tuesday evenings until 1996.

Town to buy old railroad bed

BUCKFIELD—Residents last week voted to appropriate \$12,000 to purchase a five-mile stretch of railroad bed between the Sumner and Hebron town lines. The trail is currently used by snowmobilers, ATV riders, joggers, walkers and horseback riders. Selectmen said it would be bought for continued recreational use. The Department of Environmental Protection has indicated it would be willing to contribute to the cost of capping a contaminated area with clay, according to town officials. The property has reportedly been the site of trash-dumping activities in the past.

Electronics can be recycled

AUGUSTA—The Maine State Planning Office is working to set up ongoing municipal collections of recyclable electronics in many communities around the state. Nearly all electronics are recyclable. They contain dozens of metals, including many valuable ones like gold and silver. Cast-off computers and monitors also have toxic components, including lead, cadmium and mercury. The glass in computer and TV screens alone contains anywhere from one to seven pounds of lead. This past summer, the Planning Office held three regional collections to address the problem. Portland, Auburn and Tri-County (Union) served as the collection points for unwanted televisions and computers. In all, 76,611 pounds of electronics were collected, and every pound was reused or recycled. In 2002 and 2003, it is anticipated more residents will have convenient access to electronics recycling. For more information on computer recycling, visit www.state.me.us/deprwm/computerrecy.html or call 287-7703.

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AUGUSTA—Anglers and hunters purchasing a sporting license will notice a change when they get their 2002 license. Gone are the multiple forms for different licenses. Now license agents will have the ability to issue any license with just one sheet of paper by checking the appropriate box. The new license marks the beginning of the departure from the old multi-form, multi-license system to the Maine Online Sportsman's Electronic System, or MOSES. MOSES is an Internet-based licensing system that is being designed in two stages. The first phase, which includes creating a license database, developing programs that include all license and registration rules, and getting it to function, is due to be complete by the end of this year. The system will be ready to use at the department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife headquarters in Augusta within a month. The second phase, which will bring MOSES to individual license agents, should be ready by the end of February.

Good Samaritans pay with their lives

TOWNSHIP 2, RANGE 8—Three people, including a mother and her infant daughter, lost their lives in a crash caused by a car-moose collision Saturday. The accident took place shortly after 5 p.m. on the unlit highway's northbound lanes, near Lincoln. A chain of collisions began when a car that struck a moose went off the highway and rolled over. The occupants were not hurt, spokesman Stephen McCausland of the state Public Safety Department said. Several other motorists stopped to help. The driver of a car approaching the scene, John LaPlante, 71, of Millinocket, saw the moose carcass in the highway at the last minute. His car swerved into the breakdown lane and hit a car before veering back into the travel lane and sideswiping a tractor-trailer, causing the rig to go out of control. The empty 18-wheeler struck cars parked in the breakdown lane, including one in which Catherine Nadeau, 37, of Fort Fairfield, and her seven-month-old daughter Julia Nadeau were sitting. Both were killed. The driver of their car, Philip Nadeau, 39, was outside the vehicle calling on his cell phone for help. LaPlante died later at a hospital. Trooper Henry Dusenbery said while motorists who stop to help in such situations are well-intentioned, their actions can be dangerous. "It's hard to do, but drive by, observe what you can, and call police," the trooper advised.

The Bethel Police Log:

can be found on page 2 this week



HOLIDAY DEADLINES

The ad deadline for the 27th edition will be **Friday, December 21st**
The Bethel Citizen will be closing at 2:00 pm on Monday, Christmas Eve and CLOSED on Tuesday, Christmas Day.

The ad deadline for the January 3rd edition will be **Friday, December 28**
we will be CLOSED on Tuesday, January 1st.

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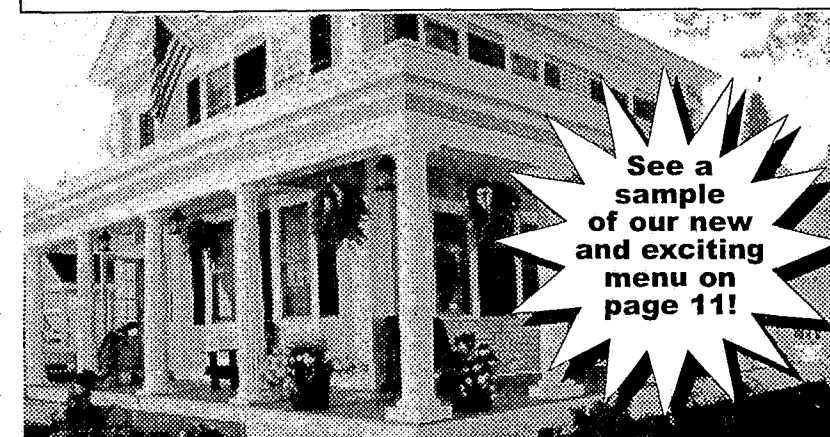
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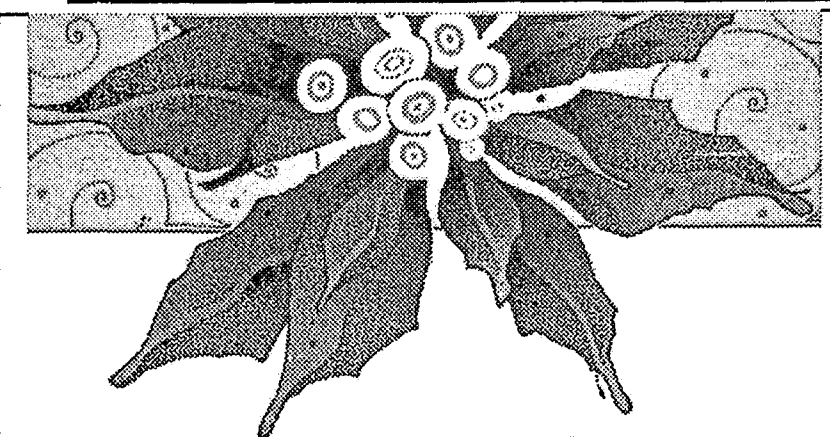


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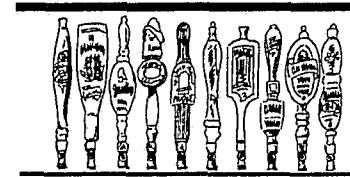
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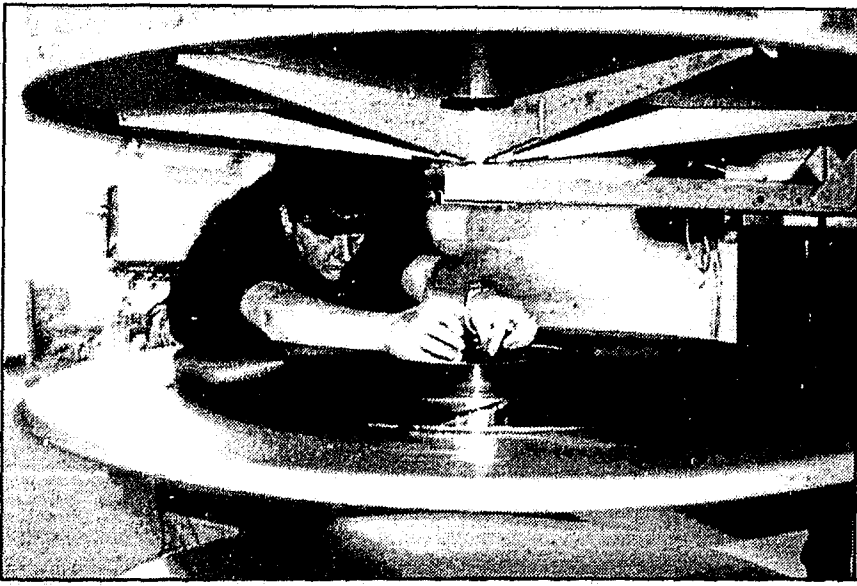
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Movies

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THREADING HARRY POTTER—Elaine Riendeau prepares some movie magic for viewers at Casablanca Cinema last week. Riendeau, who has worked for Bethel Station since 1994 and managed the development since '97, purchased the cinema a year ago. (Photo by Rebecca Zicarelli)

the franchise theaters within reasonable driving range.

Running the Casablanca is a hands-on endeavor. Riendeau works there several evenings each week. She sells popcorn, picks the previews that will appear in front of the movies (and splices them on), threads the films onto the projector. "She'll take a risk on something subtle or obscure."

That means that viewers in Bethel have had the opportunity to see films like "All the Pretty Horses," "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," "Chocolat" or "Life as a House." And they still get to see most major films on opening day.

Riendeau is creating a niche for the Casablanca as a place to see films that don't make it to most of the theaters, and cleans up after the crowds

leave, just like the rest of the staff.

The experience has given her a different view of Bethel. "I've gotten to know some really nice people," she said. "When a regular customer doesn't come in for a while, I wonder where they've been, and if things are all right."

Riendeau said the art and independent films will be an ongoing part of the Casablanca's offerings. There will be a break over the next few weeks, however, due to the block-busters currently being released, including "Harry Potter," "Lord of the Rings," "Ocean's 11," and "The Majestic."

But if you hear of something off-beat, or want to try something new, just ask. Riendeau is happy to explore the options.

Top picks here in 2001

Over the last year, Elaine Riendeau has had opportunity not only to watch the movies shown at Casablanca, but also to gauge how moviegoers have responded to them. Here are her picks for the year:

Best Movie: "Memento"

Movie that everybody should have seen: "Songcatcher"

Most Popular: "Chocolat"

Strangest Movie: "Hedwig and the Angry Inch"

Biggest tearjerker: "Life as a House"

Best kid flick: "Shrek"

Longest running kid flick: "Shrek"

Longest running adult flick: "Castaway"

Funniest Movie: "Shrek"

Most thoughtful: "K-Pax"

Most thought-provoking: "Memento"

Stupidest: "Rat Race" (many other contenders here)

Biggest money-maker: "Harry Potter"

Biggest flop: "Hannibal"

Movie Riendeau would most like to bring back: "Memento"

For upcoming art and independent films, check out the Casablanca Web site, www.compuflare.com/casablanca

Junkyard

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cation Monday, in front of several Planning Board members and neighbors of the site — all of whom had turned out to argue against granting the permit.

They raised a number of objections, including the possibility of oil, antifreeze and other fluids leaking into the ground above an aquifer and very close to a wetland.

Under the site, said Planning Board member Dave Brainard, "is a major aquifer that undoubtedly feeds deep wells in the area. We have to assume there are fluids leaking that will ultimately enter the aquifer, wells and lakes."

Others criticized the appearance of the site.

"That's a beautiful drive up through there and (McLean's lot) ruins it," said Planning Board Chairman Rodney Westleigh.

And neighbor John Burke argued: "The appearance of the place tells you a lot about how it would be operated."

McLean was not present for the meeting, and no one else spoke in

support of the application.

Greenwood currently follows state standards for regulating junkyards. Among the state's requirements are at least two that appear to bear on McLean's application, according to the opponents.

One calls for the screening fence to be at least 100 feet from the centerline of the road. The second prohibits the establishment of a junkyard over an aquifer.

The selectmen took no vote on the matter Tuesday, pending a site visit.

Greenwood is currently in the process of revising its comprehensive plan, and some of those present for Tuesday's meeting said this might be the appropriate time for looking at tightening the regulations governing the accumulation of junk vehicles. (In addition to McLean's site, there are several others of concern to town officials.)

"That's a very good ordinance the state has, and we can add to it," said Town Manager Carol Whitman.

ASC

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ective said there was progress made in the company's restructuring plan.

The company closed on the financing for its Heavenly Gondola at the resort on the California-Nevada border and applied the proceeds to reduce borrowing, said B.J. Fair, chief executive officer.

Oak Hill Capital, the company's largest investor, showed its support by guaranteeing the transaction, he said.

The first-quarter loss was more

than the first two fiscal years — 1998 and 1999 — combined. The company lost \$52.5 million in the fiscal year ending July 2000 and \$141 million in the fiscal year ending July 2001.

The company expects to be in the black during the current fiscal quarter, which comprises the first half of the ski season, but it's unclear whether the company can make up the difference, McCurtain said.

In addition to Heavenly, ASC owns Sunday River and Sugarloaf/USA in Maine; Killington and Mount Snow in Vermont; Attitash Bear Peak in New Hampshire; and The Canyons in Utah.

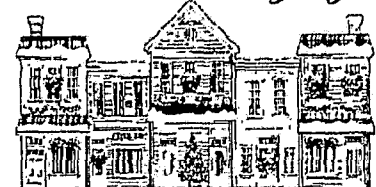
ASC hopes to close on the sale of the Steamboat resort by year's end to a Vermont company.

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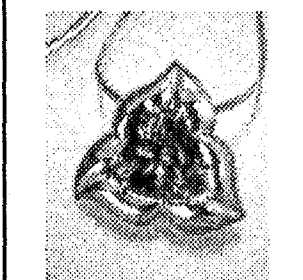
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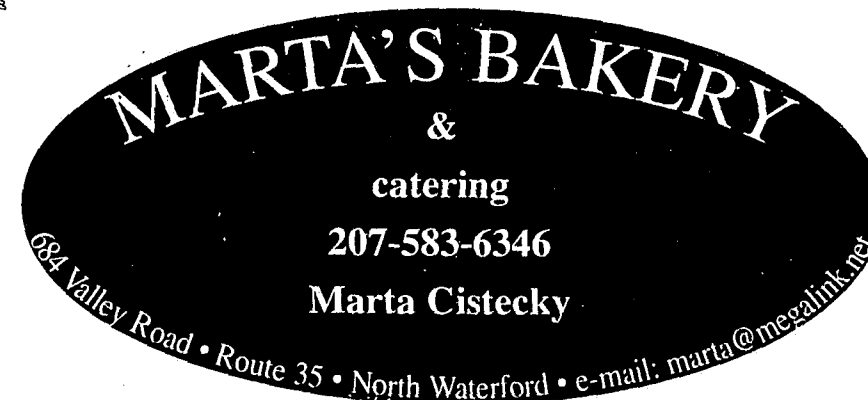
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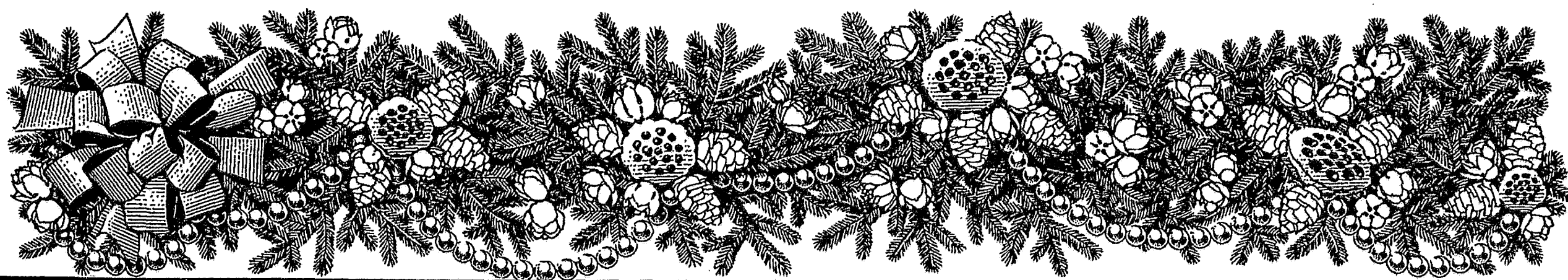
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Happenings Around Town

Saturday, December 22

Opening Day at Mt. Abram Family Resort.
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River Ride #1 Maine Mountain Series Slopeside at
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Fireworks at Sunday River Ski Resort.

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House. View a spectacular fireworks display with the
mountains of Sunday River Ski Area as a back drop.
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Sunday, December 23

Palmer Rider-X #1 Maine Mountain Series Boarder-
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The Living Nativity on the town common at 5:00
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Monday, December 24

Snowmobile rides with Santa at Sun Valley Sports.
10am - 1pm. 877-851-7533.

Christmas Eve tree trimming & caroling at the Bethel
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Christmas Day Dinner at the Bethel Inn & Country
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½ lb. Swiss cheese, shredded
½ lb. cheddar cheese, shredded
1 stick butter, melted
paprika and parsley for garnish

Soften cream cheese and beat until smooth. Add apple
cider, Swiss and cheddar cheeses, and butter. Beat until
fluffy. Mound this mixture into 3 buttered cups or con-
tainers, mounding tops. Chill overnight in refrigerator.
Remove chilled cheese from containers and mold each
mound into the shape of an apple. Cut stems from real
apples and press into each "cheese apple." Coat each
cheese apple with paprika. Serve on a parsley-covered
plate with crackers and fresh fruit.

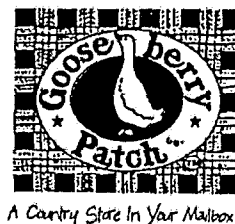
Crab Quiche Appetizers*

Set these out and watch them disappear!

1 pkg pie crusts (15 oz.)
8 oz. crab flakes or chunks
4 eggs, beaten
1½ c. half and half
¼ t. dill weed
1½ c. Swiss cheese, shredded
½ c. Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Unfold and gently roll
out both pie crusts. Arrange crusts slightly overlapping
to cover bottom and sides of a greased 15"x10" jelly roll
pan. Crimp edges; prick bottom and sides. Bake 10 to 12
minutes or until golden brown. Reduce oven temperature
to 350 degrees. Cover bottom of crust with seafood.
Mix eggs, half and half, and dill until blended. Add
cheeses and pour over seafood. Bake 30 minutes. Cut
into squares. Yield: approximately 5
dozen appetizers.

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Pacific Northwest Appetizer*

One of our favorite appetizers for Christmas Parties

8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
½ lb. crab or fresh shrimp, shelled (small ones)
1 jar cocktail sauce
assortment of crackers

Take the cream cheese out one hour before serving.
Spoon and smooth into a small serving bowl and put
shrimp or crab on top of the cream cheese. Pour cocktail
sauce over crab and cream cheese. Serve with an assort-
ment of crackers.

Yuletide Crab Puffs*

*This recipe can be made ahead of time, filling just before serving.
Puffs can be frozen for later use.*

1 lb. flaked crab meat
¾ c. celery, chopped
½ c. onion, finely chopped
4 hard boiled eggs, finely chopped
2 T. chili sauce
salt and pepper to taste
1 T. fresh parsley, minced
1½ or 2 c. mayonnaise

Mix above ingredients together until well blended,
adding enough mayonnaise to make the mixture bind
together. Refrigerate this mixture until shortly before
serving. You will use this mixture to fill the puffs (recipe
below). Do not fill puffs very far in advance of serving;
the result will be soggy puffs.

Puffs:

1 c. water
½ c. butter (1 stick)
1 c. flour
4 eggs

Bring water to a boil; add butter. Stir this mixture until
butter is melted. Add flour, stirring until dough forms a
ball. Cool dough mixture. Beat eggs in a separate bowl,
until very thick and lemon-colored. Stir eggs into cooled
dough and mix thoroughly. Drop onto a baking sheet by
teaspoonfuls. Bake for 15 minutes at 400 degrees. Cool
puffs on rack. Slice and fill with crab mixture just before
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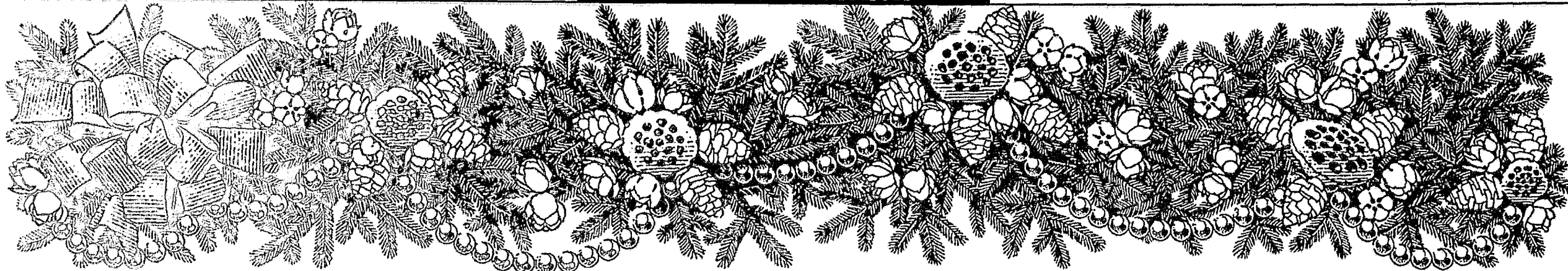
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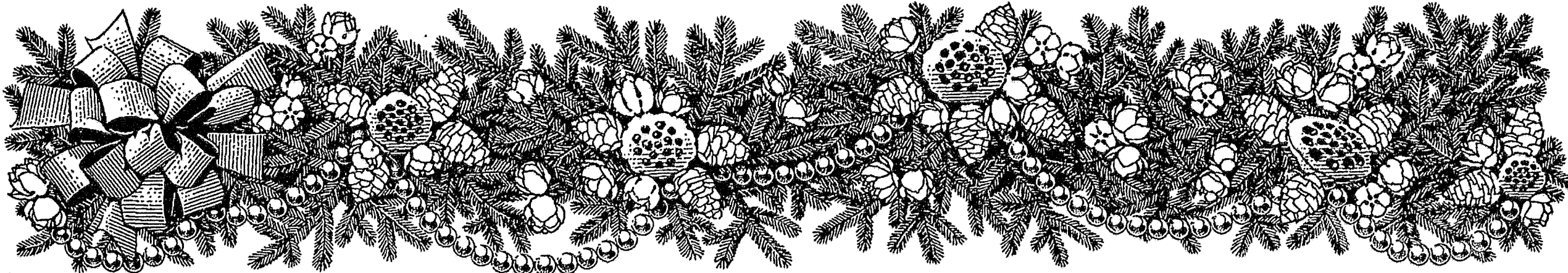
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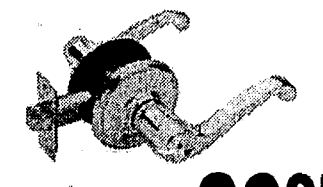
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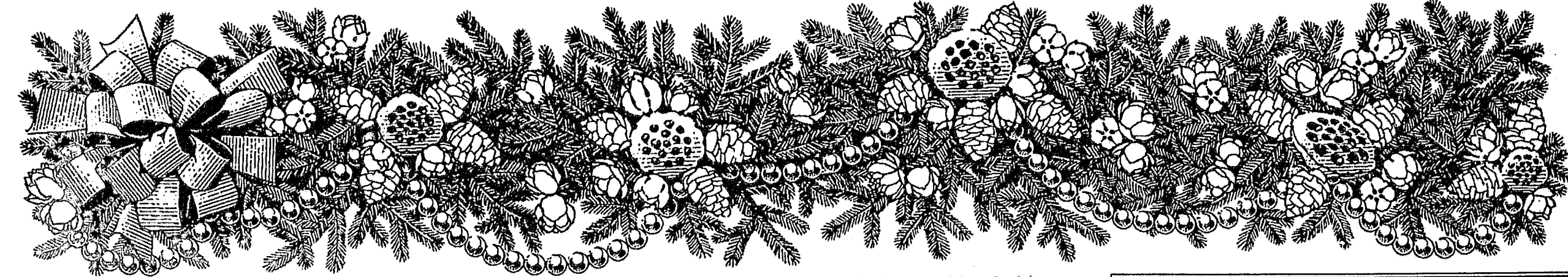
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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Dolores Williams, Louis Dellavalle, Dave and Judy Rowe, Jean and Billy Gereau of Portland enjoyed a train ride on the "Down Easter" from Portland to Boston on the weekend. They stayed over at the Millennium Hotel. It was a great ride, the price was right and they would recommend it to anyone.

Mary Lou and Hi Berry entertained at a dinner party last Wednesday evening in honor of Alberta Merrill's birthday. Present were Bill and Meg Cousins, Bob and Polly Davis, the honored guest, and the host and hostess.

Cindy Freeman of Santa Rosa, Calif., visited Hi and Mary Lou Berry, Hope Tibbetts and Sylvia Clanton last week.

The CPS Chorus performed very well at the Rotary Seniors Dinner last Tuesday at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. A delicious ham dinner was served and gifts were given to everyone.

The Gould Academy Yulefest, under the direction of Jim McLaughlin and Tom Zicarelli, was an outstanding production that included the Gould Academy family, students, faculty and young children.

Muriel Butters is home after being with her son Tony's family in

Delaware for several days.

Amy Davis visited Andy and Pat Davis in North Berwick over the weekend and attended the Cantata at their church where Andy was a performer.

Hi and Mary Lou Berry visited Roger and Mary Lou Killelea in Walpole, Mass., over the weekend and enjoyed a family Christmas.

Helen Chase, formerly of Locke Mills, is staying with her daughter, Arlene and John Greenleaf, Sunset Road, Bethel. She would enjoy having friends visit.

A Sunday School family night, supper and program was held at the West Parish Congregational Church on Monday evening.

A Cantata was presented at the Locke Mills Union Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 16. An instrumental ensemble of Elisa Lufkin, harpist; Kelly Bickford, bassoon; and Deborah Jenks, recorder was presented. The choir was made up of 10 lovely voices followed by the Mollyoctets. It was a wonderful program that included group singing by the congregation, accompanied by Roy Lurvey on the saxophone. The program was directed by Beverly Melville.

Public installation of Masonic Lodge 97 AF and AM officers was held on Thursday, with supper preceding, at the Masonic Hall on Chapman Street. Officers elected were Michael Halacy, master; Crawford Perry, senior warden; Kenneth Grover Jr., warden; Daniel Myers, tyler; John Halacy, senior deacon; Reginald Gilbert, junior

deacon; Tim Lapham, senior steward; Byron Lapham, junior steward; Bill Cousins, secretary; Jack Brooks, treasurer; Wyn Haskell, marshal; Scott Fraser, chaplain.

Musa Brown's family gathered for their Christmas party this past weekend, which included Bob and Laurie Hickey of Millis, Mass.; Becky and Barrie Crommett of Livermore; Nancy Brown of Norfolk, Va.; Andy Mitmak; Karen Davis of Billingham, Mass.; and Heather and Rob Panico of Albany, N.Y.

The annual conference of the Bethel United Methodist Church was held on Thursday with a supper followed by the business meeting. The District Superintendent was present and spoke to the group. The budget was presented and reports given by committee members.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester
Road building activities have been taking place on Verrill Road. Verrill Road is a private road off the South Shore Road and the site of some recent development.

Sympathy is extended to Elmer and Nancy Lyons upon the passing of Elmer's mother, Avis Lyons from Rumford. She died on Dec. 4. Also, sympathy goes to Herb and

Dottie Adams. Dottie's mother, Alice Kimball from Albany, passed away Dec. 7.

Congratulations are extended to Hanover resident Keith Testani upon his promotion to captain with the Newry Fire Department. Keith lives on Main Street and is employed at Sunday River Ski Resort.

When folks got their tax bills last Thursday, it was described as a poor choice of Christmas cards. The Town Office opened Thursday evening and the first one through the door to pay his taxes was state Senator Norman Ferguson Jr.

A reminder that dog licenses expire Dec. 31. When licensing your dog at the Town Office be sure to bring a current rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate, if applicable.

2002 hunting and fishing licenses are now available at the Hanover Town Office.

We wish everyone the very best of Christmas holidays. Next week watch for everyone's favorite Christmas lights report and don't forget to let me know your favorite.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
Winter has finally arrived and just days before its official arrival. Yesterday's trip home over snow-covered roads caused me to miss my Vista even

more. Driving my friend's truck and slip sliding around the roads just didn't give me a feeling of safety. Now I know why I prefer to have a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Those who tell me I don't need one weren't with me yesterday. So the search is on in earnest for a car.

Once again Newry held a Town Meeting in the midst of a snowstorm. I missed it and will have to catch up tomorrow or next week. After a very long trip home, I had no wish to head back out and test fate yet again.

Traffic is getting heavier again. Walkers need to beware of the fast-moving vehicles. It is that time of year when everyone seems to be in a hurry. This snow won't help. Tasha and I are walking so early these days that it hasn't been a problem because there are very few vehicles out at that hour. I like it that way. Today, I may get to test a later trip as I am rooting for no school. I am sure all the students are right behind me.

As my next column will be after the fact, I want to wish all a Merry Christmas. It looks like it will be a white Christmas after all.

The next Bethel Area Poets Society reading will be held at my house at 449 Sunday River Road. All are welcome. We generally read for a half-hour, then take a break and each write something and then continue with the reading and critiquing each other's work. We welcome new members. For more information call 824-3427.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the snow and drive carefully.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Polly Smith had Christmas dinner with Jim and Donna Bernard in Andover on Dec. 16.

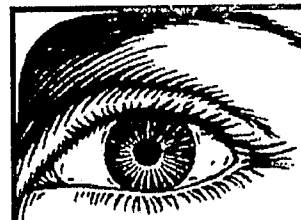
East Bethel turned out Wednesday night, Dec. 12, at the Bethel Inn for the Senior Citizens Club Christmas Dinner with attendance by Rudi and Barbara Honkala, Polly Smith, Millie Jackson, Roger and Louise Twitchell, Donna Curtis, Paul and Charlotte Kimball, Dale and Nancy Kimball, Dot Bartlett and Nancy Mercer.

Neil Olson's new baseball team has a name, The Sanford Mainers. This name was picked out of 178 submissions.

George Haines has completed work on Neil and Linda Olson's fireplace. Neil says it looks real good.

Avis Moore now has gas heat also, in case she loses power.

Arlene Harrington had Christmas for a lot of her family on Dec. 16. Dori Hallman with Heather and Whitney of Durham, Judy Smith of Bucksport, Katy Carrier of Orland, Gloria Crockett (who is doing very well now), Jason Crockett of Old Orchard Beach, Wilma Bean, Stacy Coolidge of Andover, Esther Fuller of Greenwood, Shannon Smith with Micaela and Hannah of West Paris, and Megan Wardwell and brother Josh of Mechanic Falls all



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by Sharon Bouchard

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It's down to crunch time now for those of you who have waited until the last minute to do your Christmas shopping. Less than a week to go - no pressure, you'll get it done.

Fortunately I have my shopping all done, but with three little grandsons I'm sure I will continue to do some shopping.

Yes, my shopping is done and my mind is a whirl from all the electronic gadgetry I have bought this year. I have wrapped one heck of a lot of toys that beep and chime and whirr and buzz. One of the kids will pick up a present to shake it and try to guess what it is and you know what happens? The darn package will talk to them or light up right through the wrapping paper. Sometimes when the packages settle under the tree, one of them will start beeping. I think I have spent as much on batteries this year as I have on gifts.

But for all the electronic beep/buzz that inundates us in toy land, I did manage to find some old traditional standbys like Lincoln Logs and Tinker Toys. Excited youngsters have found these old favorites under the Christmas tree for many, many years.

In fact, I bet there will be a lot of other presents under a lot of trees that parents and grandparents alike found under their Christmas trees when they were little tykes.

For example, how many of you were thrilled beyond words when Santa left you your first camera? And how many cameras do you think will be left under how many Christmas trees this year?

I know most of the cameras are distant cousins to the ones we unwrapped so many years ago, but I'm sure the thrill is exactly the same. In fact, happy gift recipients have experienced that thrill since 1900. Can you believe that?

George Eastman invented the first Kodak Brownie in the first year of the new century (the last one that is). Prior to that cameras were great big things that used plates rather than film and were owned primarily by professional photographers. Then along came

George and the Kodak Brownie and thus began a new trend in American homes on Christmas morning. Not only was the camera a great gift, but for the first time ever the holiday festivities could be recorded on film.

The first Brownie came factory-loaded with a hundred-exposure film pack that was mailed back to the company for developing.

Now, we have digital cameras that you just download onto a computer and print the pictures yourself. Isn't technology amazing? It's also a little pricey when you consider not only the price of the camera, but the expense of a computer as well if you want to be able to print out the pictures.

The first Kodak Brownie, by the way, cost 1 dollar and 15 cents for each roll of hundred-exposure film. The developing was free.

Another Christmas favorite for the little ones is the Teddy Bear, which has been around since 1902. I'm sure that many of you know that the Teddy Bear got its name for President Teddy Roosevelt, but did you know that the concept of the furry creature actually came from a political cartoon about the President?

As history has it, the President was on a hunting trip and his host wanted to create the perfect photo-op arranged to have a cuddly cub end up right in the President's gun sight. Teddy, however, refused to shoot the cute little critter.

A political cartoonist for the Washington Star depicted Roosevelt forgoing the kill and it inspired the imagination of a toy maker by the name of Morris Michom to create a little stuffed version of the cub who lived to frolic another day thanks to the sensitivity of a president named Teddy.

The early 1900's were very productive in the toy industry. Though air rifles had been around since the late 1800's, they were all wood and quite cumbersome and not very efficient. That all changed after the turn of the century and the invention of the metal Daisy Air Rifle. The first year on the

market over 4,300 BB-guns were bought for 50 cents a piece. I'm sure there will be a few BB-guns found under the tree this year and I'm also sure that the cost will be considerably higher than the original Daisy.

It was during this same time that another Christmas favorite was born - baby dolls that did things. There was Suckthumb Baby which, you guessed it, sucked on its rubber thumb; and there was Tickletoes, whose rubber arms and legs supposedly felt like human skin (weird) and a real favorite of the day was Flossie Flirt, named so because she could bat her eyelashes.

Despite all the baby doll activity that was going on, one of the biggest sellers then and still with us today was a little inactive moppet named Raggedy Ann.

Erector sets, Tinker Toys and Lincoln Logs have inspired the building imaginations of youngsters since 1913. Even though these perennial winners were designed as boy toys I'm willing to bet that they sparked a few little girls into becoming architects and developers.

There will be a lot of kids constructing log cabins and sky scrapers under the Christmas tree this year and I have no doubt that their children and grandchildren will be doing the same thing on Christmas mornings yet to come.

Santa's big bag of toys will also include Silly Putty, Slinkies, lots of Legos and a wide variety of Barbies. After all, Santa Claus has been delivering these non-electronic toys to good little girls and boys since the 1950's.

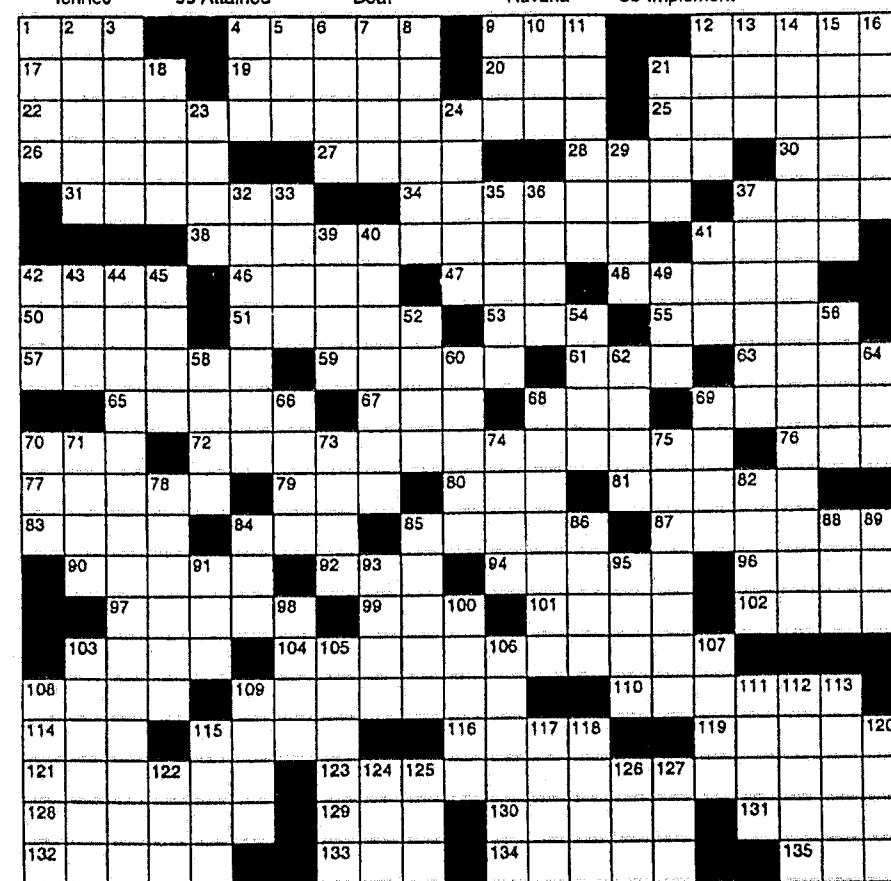
For all the electronic, digital, remote controlled battery operated toys of this generation some of the very best things we can put under the Christmas tree are assembled and operated not by technology, but by a child's imagination.

I'm glad that some of the same toys that occupied so many hours of my childhood are still around to delight my grandchildren. The way I see it taking a step back in time with our little ones is a very positive step for their future.

Happy Holidays to all and may your Christmas morning be blessed with "no batteries required."

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had dinner and the Christmas tree.

Lacy Hebert has finished the fall semester at U.M.F. and is now home for the Christmas break.

Paul and Kathy Hebert visited his parents on Dec. 16.

Tanya Hebert was in the Telstar Christmas Concert on Dec. 18.

Kathy Hebert will be let go at Gilbert's the first of next year.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. God Bless America.

North Newry



by
Gil Seeley

Call to worship at the Newry Community Church was held Sunday morning, Dec.

9, at 9 a.m., with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ. Prelude by Jay Hanscom. The message of the day was "What is Christmas?" from St. Matthew 2:1 and 2. "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews?' For we have seen his star in the east and come to worship him." Carol singing followed, prayer, benediction and Christmas joy. After all this, a great feast, exchange of gifts, best wishes for the season and a very happy New Year. The church will be closed for the winter until spring.

Yes, what is Christmas? Is it the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the heart? The genial fire of charity in the heart? Make good cheer, for Christmas comes only once a year.

The Newry Mothers Club had their potluck supper Monday night with only six members present, Patti Lowell, Nancy Wight, Loretta Berry, Karlene Bachelder, Gil Seeley. It was nice to see Peg Wight from Sunday River. Nobody else showed up. Better luck next time?

Happy birthday to Sylvia Gray

and Loretta Berry. Ice cream and cake, etc.

Upton



by
Eleanor LeComte

Saturday presented us with five inches of new snow and freezing cold winds. The

fierce winter weather did not deter the locals and out-of-town people from attending the annual Upton Christmas Party. There were visitors from Bethel, Newry, Cambridge and Errol.

As I have mentioned previously, each child is required to give a Christmas presentation, as is the rule of the Jenkins Fund. The Ladies Aid and the Elsie Fuller Fund supplement the Jenkins Fund in order to buy a present for each town child.

Debbie Judkins emceed the entertainment. Never underestimate the mind of a child, because several of the children joined together to give their own rendition of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, fulfilling the requirement. We shall call them the Upton Children's Chorus, and they were very good. The chorus members were Sarah Katalavos, Lisa and Marie Aaron, Rodney Harris, Elissa Dyer, Jennifer and Tyler Aldrich. Willow Lavalley, age 18 months, was the "backup singer" for the group. There were other children who joined in and I don't know all their names, but they also enjoyed themselves. Jessica and Caitlyn Casey encored "Rudolph" and the chorus again joined in with their own jazzed-up version. Rudolph was definitely number one on the hit parade. Elissa Dyer gave a beautiful Christmas reading. Jenny Bernier presented the "Origin of the Candy Cane" and distributed candy canes to the children. A flute and trumpet concert was given by Jennifer and Tyler Aldrich. Several Christmas Carols were played on the instruments. The kids all deserve a round of

applause. They were great.

Santa Claus arrived covered with snow and fogged up spectacles. He looked a lot like Dick Angevine. He was a great Santa and performed admirably. The kids loved him. He deserved an Oscar for his performance. Santa passed out gifts for the children after a few more Christmas Carols were sung by all the people attending.

A "Chinese Auction" game was played. There was a lively exchange of prizes. A pillow, a box of chocolates and a large can of cookies changed hands many times. A delicious lunch was served and senior citizen baskets were distributed. We have a lot more seniors than kids. The Ladies Aid makes unique needlepoint gift containers for the children. The ladies spent a lot of hours on them last fall. The containers contained candy, fruit, Christmas ornaments and warm winter mittens knitted by Brenda Dyer.

The Ladies Aid extends a warm "Thank You" to all who participated or donated to make the event such a success.

Portland has the "Expo," New York has Times Square, Boston has Quincy Market, but we have the Ladies Aid in Upton, which doesn't matter to the rest of the world, but it did on Saturday night to the people of our town.

Merry Christmas to all our readers. May you have a safe and Happy Holiday.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Judith Grover
Tent 17,
Daughters of
Union Veterans
of the Civil War
met at the home

of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Dec. 10, for a meeting with second nomination of officers and a Christmas party. A donation of \$5 was received. Money was sent to Togos for Christmas. We received two thank you letters from Togos for comfort items and items for the gift shop. We also received a Christmas card and thank you from Phyllis Jordan. It was voted to raise the

dues to pay the amount National DUV is asking us. The January meeting will be held at the Grange Hall on Jan. 14 with a tasting party. Thirteen members were present and 53 calls were reported. Helvi Cary received the mystery package. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Patch the Pirate Club meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church, same time as prayer meeting. Sunday services are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., Youth Group at 4:30 p.m., choir practice at 5 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. will be the Christmas program practice. On Dec. 23 the Christmas program is during the evening service. On Dec. 24 there will be Christmas Eve caroling with time of testimonies and fellowship afterward. There will be a New Year's Open House at Steve and Beth Hoover's on Dec. 31.

Franklin Grange 124 met for a meeting, dinner and Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 8.

The Baptist Sunday School children and teachers delivered plates of cookies to shut-ins and older members of the church last Saturday.

Curator Larry Billings has given a rare oil painting and an elegant mahogany bench to the Historical Society. He also gave books on Italy and France and a book on art and artists. Paul Billings recently gave the society some programs from a meeting of the Legislature in Augusta. Paul does much planning and attends many meetings for the Republican Party. The society museum is always being refined and improved. You would be astonished how much effort goes into this on the part of all members, and the results well worth it. The December meeting of the society began with a potluck supper. Elsie and Larry Bonney had set up the tables and a Christmas tree. Elsie had an attractive garland of artificial candies on the tables and gave out party favors. During the meeting, the curator discussed his recent donations and read from "She Took to the Woods." Olive Risko gave a research report. Among the gifts exchanged afterward were small tools, towels, chocolates, Santa and reindeer figurines, ceramic angels,

an amaryllis bulb, etc. The January meeting will be on Gettysburg at the Town Complex. The curator has given a book on Maine light-houses to the society. He is trying to build up the research library.

Albany



by
Sheila Dyke
Hello from Albany Township. We hope everyone had a great week, getting ready for the

holidays. We're making a lot of our gifts this year and have noticed that we're having a lot more fun spending time to make gift-giving a family affair putting together goodies than just going to the stores.

Annika and David Barton and Dyana-Marie Dyke volunteered at the Bethel Food Pantry on Saturday, Dec. 8, helping put away all of the food so thoughtfully donated to the Pantry. They are getting together their hours for community service that each grade at Telstar needs to put in during the school year. Great job kids.

The Albany Congregational Church is still accepting donations for the Christmas Baskets, which will be handed out to Albany families in need this year. If you wish to donate to this, please contact either Pam Rugg or Holle Corriveau. The Angel Tree has generated enough money for the church to buy Christmas presents for a child whose parent is incarcerated. This will help to cheer an otherwise lonely time. Thank you for all who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Mark Mosely played trumpet at the Albany Congregational Church on Sunday, Dec. 9, and his music was greatly appreciated and received by all who attended the service. The choir has been having practice after services these past couple of weeks, and I think we'll be all set for the Christmas service. We're sounding better and better with each rehearsal. We lit the 2nd advent candle, which represents Hope for the season. It seemed very appropriate at this time with so many things being uncertain and a war that seems to be, for the most part, coming to some sort of resolution. Let us continue to remember those who lost their lives and who also are fighting to protect our lives and homes this Holiday Season. Let us always keep hope in our hearts, through and beyond this season.

We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Alice Kimball, a longtime resident of Albany Township.

The Youth Groups had their first rehearsal of Christmas songs on the 7th and again on the 14th.

The kids are sounding very good, even though some of the littler ones seem to have a bit of trouble keeping focused on the music. As long

as they have fun, that's really all that matters.

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas.

Locke Mills



by
Lorraine Larson

What a crazy weather pattern. The ice is still on the pond and I hope the ducks have left, but

who knows. If we have a January thaw, they may show up again. Of course in order to have a January thaw, there must be something on the ground to thaw. Today, the forecasters are predicting snow. I figure it will snow when people are getting ready to travel for the Christmas holidays. I'm not really expecting this storm will amount to much. Now if that isn't a challenge to the clouds to dump a lot of snow over the region, I never heard one.

The Fire Department and Auxiliary enjoyed their annual Christmas potluck supper Sunday evening. It seemed to be a bad weekend to have it as there are usually about 10 to 12 children, and this time there were only five. Overall, I think I counted 24. Sometimes it is hard to tell because people move around but it was about that. Santa showed up as usual. I'd hate to have to keep his appointment books. Anyhow, the children each received a bag of goodies and a gift and he was off to another appointment. Andy did not accompany me this time. We had a potluck at the church after the services and he figured one day was all he could handle.

The IBM plant in Essex Junction did their "restructuring" and this time Ralph was among the 580 people that lost their jobs. This economy is really hurting a lot of people. What he will do now is anyone's guess, including his. He has been there for 23 years and loved his work, so it will be a difficult adjustment. All he knows right now is he is coming here for Christmas. He plans to keep his apartment through January, possibly through February. It is hard to move in the winter; if he doesn't find work there, he will either look for a less expensive apartment and keep trying, or he will relocate. He is considering going back to school? Anyhow, it is hard to make a choice right now. He knows he can always come back to Maine, but Vermont has been his home for over half his life and, as he said, his family is here but his support system is there and his friends are rallying right around him so that is good. I find that as a mother one never stops hurting when her child is hurting, but as a mother of a grownup, one has to be careful not to be too "mothering" with an "s." So I try not to give any advice and

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just be an "ear." And as someone with a "mouth," that isn't easy.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

Our house is almost back to normal. My back has improved somewhat and I can get around to do things much better. Richard has returned to work at MDOT after his bout with gout in his knee. It still bothers him some. Jessie Hart and Kyle came up this past week and got Jessie's Christmas tree she had stored in our basement.

A first-time Christmas parade held at West Paris was a success. There were several fun things to do and refreshments on sale. Harry Hutchinson gave rides in his wagon that was hauled by two of his horses.

Those making the honor roll at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School this term are Erik Poland and Tara Monzo.

What a shame that Penley's Mill is closing after all these years. Almost 40 people will lose jobs there soon. I worked at Penley's for several years before I went to work at the Agricultural Office. I hope they all can find employment elsewhere soon.

What little snow we've had is about gone. We do not have very many birds like we had in the summer, mostly chickadees, nutcrackers and woodpeckers. Hope to have more as soon as the snow flies, as I really enjoy watching them.

Everyone is busy this time of year, Christmas shopping, visiting or whatever. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that at the Christmas party gifts and cards were exchanged. A potluck supper was enjoyed. Larry and Elsie Bonney set up the tables, decorated and gave out party favors. Olive Risko presented the research report. Among the gifts were figurines, dish towels, candy, cookies, a book, etc. The food consisted mainly of casseroles and Elena Noyes supplied cookies for dessert. The January program will be the first of two on Gettysburg at the Town Complex.

The Bethel Historical Society has given the society a copy of the feds for the old stagecoach that ran to Andover and Rumford. They sent it to us by Basil Sequin. Much



TRI-TOWN AWARDS

Left photo: Annella Burnham, left, Tri-Town Rescue auxiliary president, presents the volunteer of the year award to Evelyn Bean. Both women are from Bryant Pond and work throughout the year with fundraising for Tri-Town Rescue. Burnham received a memorial Grace Archer award for her 11 years of dedicated service to Tri-Town Rescue. Right photo: Warren Emery receives the 2001 volunteer of the year award for Tri-Town Rescue for his countless hours of shifts, night duty and carpentry repair projects around the station. Norm St. Pierre, left, Tri-Town Rescue chief, makes the presentation.



thanks. The little museum store has nice things for sale. Larry Billings is curator and Elsie Bonney is president. Call 665-2450 to contact the Woodstock Historical Society. Curator Billings has given the museum books on Washington, D.C., farming and seashells.

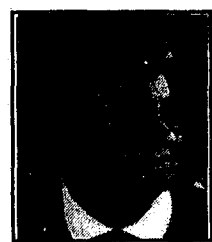
Quote of the Week: "I've learned that you can't believe everything you hear, even if you hear it twice."

Nova Scotia, visited one day a week ago.

Next Sunday, the 23rd, the Christmas supper and tree will be held at Goodwill Hall of the Universalist Church. On Christmas Eve, the lighting of candles will take place.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. May Santa put something nice in your stocking.

West Paris



by
Miriam Inman

I'm glad that I can write an article at last. Several doctors and a trip to the hospital have occupied my time. I'm looking forward to enjoying Christmas and going to Florida soon.

Bob and Kathy, Marc and Timmie Bessette spent several days around Thanksgiving with his parents, Vance and Connie Bacon.

Joyce Lamb spent Thanksgiving week with her son, Allen and Myrna and family in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Eight Goodwill Fellowship members met on Tuesday at Beryl Bonney's to make and deliver Christmas boxes to shut-ins.

William Aridas came on Tuesday to spend the week at the "cabin." Ginny Aridas has seen 11 turkeys in the field behind their place.

Dale Penney of New Germany,

West Paris



by
Bertha DeHaas

For most of us, Saturday, Dec. 8, was a day of many events. For starters, Franklin Grange

124 met for their monthly winter meeting at 10 a.m. with a delicious luncheon at noon. We had our Christmas party with a gift exchange. We all missed Alice Hoyt, who was in CMMC for double knee surgery. Dot is going to Norway Rehab Center on Marion Avenue in Norway for a couple of weeks as of Thursday, Dec. 12. Let's do a card shower for both ladies, folks.

At 1 p.m. we met at I. W. Andrews for a memorial service for Grace Archer. She and her husband, Harry, were very active in our Tri-Town Ambulance Auxiliary — really founders of it. We

shall miss her very much. Our condolences go out to Harry and the family.

Next, we met at the Agnes L. Gray School for wagon rides provided by Harry Hutchins and sponsored by Troop 1113 American Girl Scouts of the West Paris Baptist Church. The scout leaders and mothers made and sold corn chowder, beef stew, hot dogs, as well as popcorn, coffee, cocoa and soda. We were fortunate enough to earn \$200 for Christmas for Kids for West Paris. This amount was matched by Wal-Mart of Oxford. Thanks for all the help.

At 5 p.m. the choir and other members of the West Paris Baptist Church met and went around to the homes of shut-ins and also to Ledgeview Nursing Home and sang Christmas carols.

At 6:15 p.m., we met back at the Agnes L. Gray School, lined up and did a Santa Claus parade at 6:30 p.m., marched to the Veterans' Memorial in town, sang more Christmas carols and did a tree lighting ceremony. Some went back to school while the rest went back to church, ate supper and decorated the church tree. Thank you all for all your work and time.

In the parade, we had Lisa Kurtz and her majorettes, both large and small. Her daughter, Prentiss, led the parade in her motorized Barbie car. We had Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, a wagon full of school children and adults, three fire trucks and Tri-Town Ambulance. Let's do it all again next year — a town working together.

It truly saddens our hearts to see

Penley's Mill closing, even for a while. It is devastating to our small town, as it is the major employer. It has been here for several generations. We hope you get orders this spring so you can reopen. Maybe even make something different. There are way too many imports from overseas taking away our jobs and livelihood.

We pray Penley's will open again soon.

From

Tri-Town Rescue

Three people were honored recently for their volunteer activities to Tri-Town Rescue at their annual meeting and election of officers. Warren Emery, West Paris, was chosen ambulance volunteer of the year. Evelyn Bean, Bryant Pond, was chosen auxiliary volunteer of the year. Annella Burnham, was presented a memorial award in memory of Grace Archer for her 11 years of service to the Tri-Town auxiliary, currently serving as its president.

Emery is a driver with Tri-Town Rescue and received a pin for 20 years with the rescue service. He is also housing officer and does countless carpentry repairs as needed to keep the building in good shape.

Evelyn Bean has worked very hard for the auxiliary for the past three years with food sales, dinners, yard sales and hot french fries at the soap box derby. She's always

willing to do more when asked. The auxiliary raises funds for extra projects for the service. Annella Burnham has worked as auxiliary president for four years, raising funds for a variety of projects. Previously, she was an in-service dispatcher, manning telephones and radios for the volunteer rescue. Her award was presented in memory of Grace Archer who recently died. Mrs. Archer was chief, auxiliary president, in-service dispatcher coordinator and a volunteer for 16 years.

Volunteers given 20-year service pins and charter members were: Jane Chandler, Ken Bacon, Warren Emery, Mary Emery and Dorene Wilbur. Honored for 15 years of service were: Wayne and Anita Hakala. Honored for 10 years of service were: Jason Littlehale, Jeff Littlehale and Ruth Howe.

Officers elected for the 2002 year are: Mary Emery, coordinator; Viola Whitman, treasurer; Shari Whitman, board secretary; Norm St. Pierre, chief; Scott Parson, assistant chief; Jane Chandler, training officer; Jack Roberts and Warren Emery, housing officers; Wayne Theofastau and Harry Archer, communications officers; Dale Daft and Norm St. Pierre, vehicle officers; Mary Ackley, secretary; Annella Burnham, auxiliary president; Peggy Theofastau, auxiliary vice president; Jack Roberts, search and rescue team leader; Don Lawrence, search and rescue assistant team leader; Jane Chandler and Ben Woodard, search and rescue team leaders.

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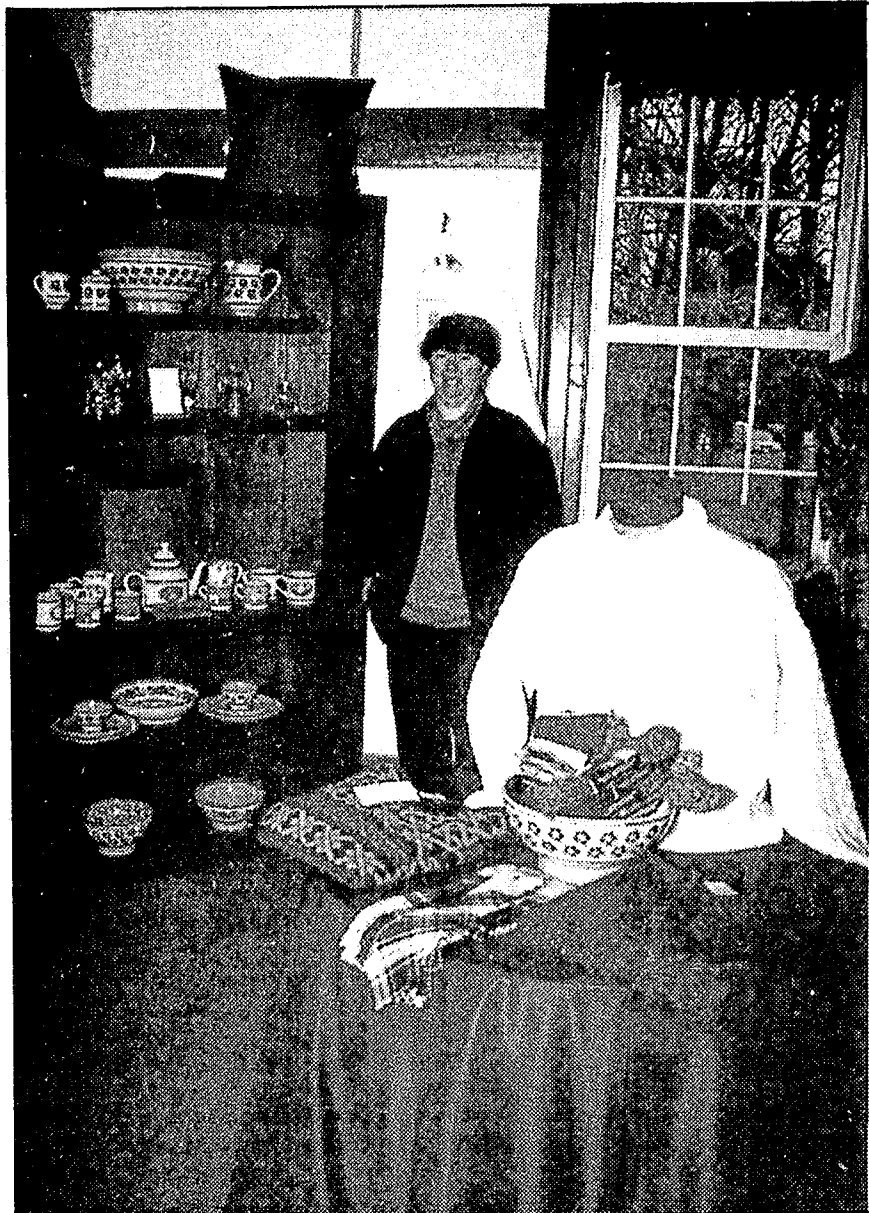
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From the

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Dec. 12 at the Bethel Inn for dinner and Christmas party with 56 members and guests present. The door prize was won by Pauline Weiden. Music was by Phillip House and enjoyed by all. President Ginny Walker handed over the gavel to Musa Brown and Davene Mitchell, who are co-presidents for the coming year. The next meeting will be Jan. 9 at the Sudbury Inn. The meeting will start promptly at 11 a.m. Price of the dinner is \$7. Members are reminded that dues are payable at this meeting.

Santa and helpers, Tillie Meyers and Cheryl Thibodeau, distributed gifts to everyone.

December birthdays are Musa Brown, Camilla Everett, Bertha Foster, Richard Hosterman, Mary Paine, Sarah Stevens and Edna York.

From the

Mundt-Allen Post

The Mundt-Allen Post and Unit 81 decided to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the District Exchange in lieu of a gift exchange for their December meeting and Christmas party this year. Altogether, some 40 men and women met on Dec. 11 for a potluck supper at the Vernon Street post home. Each attendee brought with him or her a bag of cans or jars of food, flour, sugar or dog food. On Thursday afternoon, commander Richard Farren took the estimated 150 pounds of donated food and dog

food to the District Exchange at the Ethel Bisbee School building in Bethel. This was supplemented by about 50 pounds of acorn squashes grown and donated by Rich and Mona Grover.

Besides food, the post held a 50-50 drawing in which an additional \$35.50 was collected and will be donated to the District Exchange.

The Unit 81 ladies auxiliary also drew the winning ticket for the beautiful multi-hued brown quilt, which Ramona Grover made and donated to raise money for the auxiliary. Nesta Littlefield won the quilt. This raffle brought in \$153.

The supper was an especially varied and delicious selection of hot dishes and salads provided by the ladies. We were joined by guests, Gene Bickford, American Legion state Americanism Officer, and his wife Joyce. Other special guests were Jewell Clark and Don Katlin who led us all in a songfest of some of their own delightful music and traditional Christmas Carols.

The post recently donated the six-volume set of the "Monumental History of the Second World War" by Winston Spencer Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister. Titles of the volumes are: "The Gathering Storm," "Their Finest Hour," "The Grand Alliance," "The Hinge of Fate," "Closing the Ring," and "Triumph and Tragedy." This donation was made in honor of recently departed veterans of World War II and members of Bethel's Post 81. Those honored were Ethelyn Caillouet, Phyllis Dock, Thomas Kennagh, Linwood Machia, Albert Raymond, Eva Schools, Elgin Tibbetts, Edmond Vachon.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The fourth annual New Year's Bethel will be held on Dec. 31. Venues include Henry Bascomb, Maine humorist; Worthley and Clark, Scottish music; Rowe by Rowe, lively balladeers; Inca Son, Peruvian and Latin American music; Gray-Caybe Family, classical, folk, and original music; and State Street Jazz, New Orleans jazz. There will also be a lighted vehicle parade, community bonfire, food court and fireworks. Further information may be obtained by calling the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Over \$3,500 from nearly 40 sponsors for this event has been received to date. Individuals or businesses wishing to join the list of sponsors for this important community event should send tax-deductible contributions to the society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012. Tickets (buttons) for entry into all venues are now on sale (\$10 adults and \$8 students) and may be acquired at the society's gift shop, at the Bethel Citizen, at Maine Line Products, and at the Newry Town office. Only 850 tickets are available and seating is limited, so it is important to get your ticket early.

December is membership month at the society. The society now has over 1,200 members and is one of the largest historical societies in Maine. The Membership Committee, chaired by Jeri Greenwell, is committed to keeping the membership growing. Society membership provides the following membership benefits: free admission to Dr. Moses Mason period house museum, discounts in the museum shop, special library privileges, free subscription to the society's quarterly, The Courier, preferred rental rates, voting rights in the society meetings, reduced course fees, and special invitations to society events. Various levels of membership (including life) are available. Gift memberships with special gift cards are also an option and may be appreciated during this gift-giving season. For further information, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

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Bethel Rotary Club

This week in Rotary was the annual Senior Holiday Luncheon. This annual gathering is a 20-plus year tradition. Over 130 seniors and Rotarians celebrated the holiday season and feasted on a ham meal with all the trimmings at the Jackson-Silver Post American Legion in Locke Mills. Singers from Crescent Park Elementary School entertained with festive songs. It was great to see you all and many thanks to everyone who helped. Thanks, too, to our District Governor Peter Johnson, our District Governor-elect Tim Placey and his wife Gladys, and our Past District Governor Elias Thomas and his wife Jane for sporting those Santa hats and helping us.

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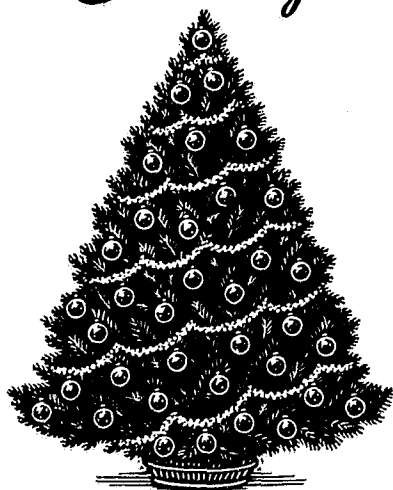
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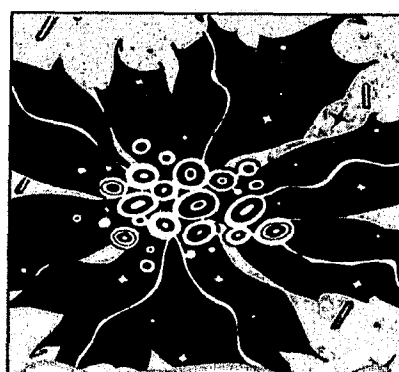
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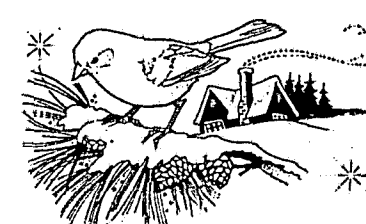
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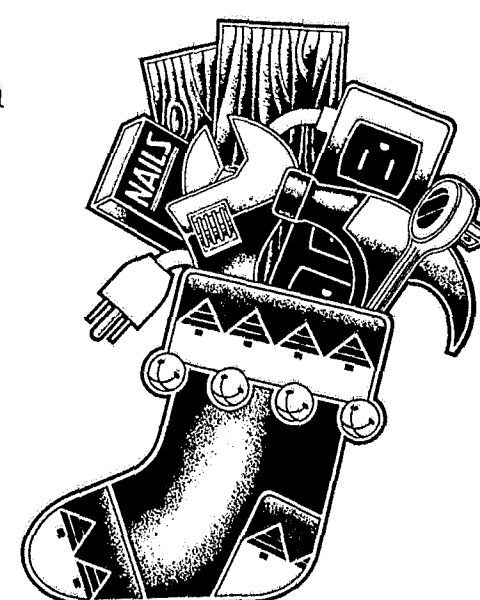
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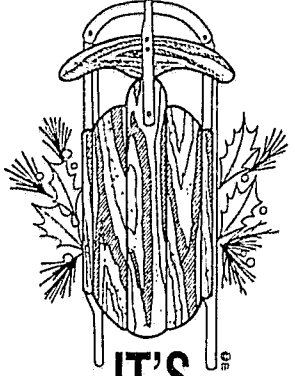


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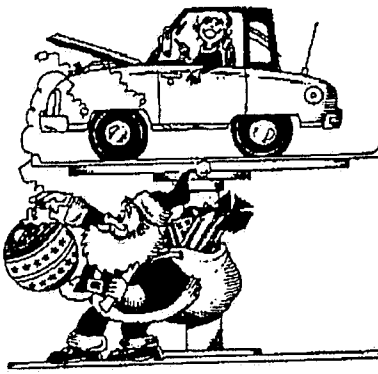


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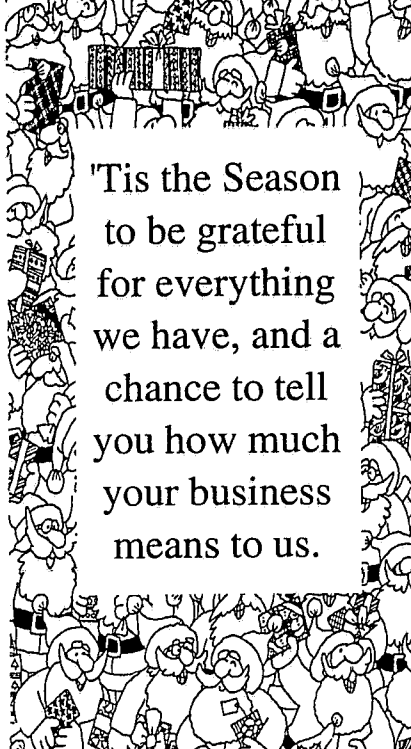
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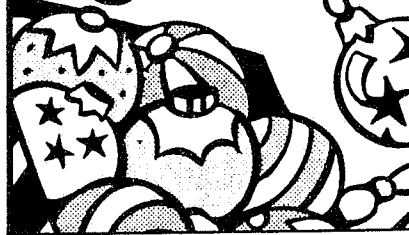
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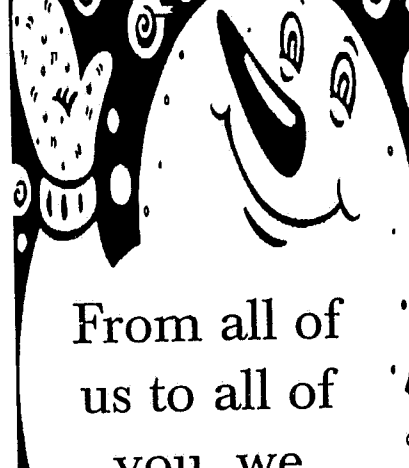
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School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 83, Monmouth 55, Dec. 17—Telstar's Kinsey Durgin scored 34 points — including seven three-pointers — in a win over Monmouth. Other scorers: Wade Osgood (20); Robie Wentworth (10); Kaleb Durgin (6); Matt Newell (5); Kurt Wight (4); Joe Gaudreau (2); Gavin Palmer (2). Osgood had one three-pointer.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 55, Monmouth 43, Dec. 17—Telstar's Terry Collins and August Reiss each had 12 points and Casey Fleet 10 in the Rebels' first win of the season. Reiss had 16 rebounds, and Josh Longway had five assists. Telstar out-rebounded Monmouth 47 to 29. "We need to get on a roll so we can get the young kids playing with some confidence," said coach David Berry.

Wiscasset 76, Telstar 53, Dec. 14—Telstar's Josh Longway scored 20 points, August Reiss 10 and Terry Collins and Casey Fleet six each in a loss to Wiscasset. Reiss had 15 rebounds and Kurt Wight five. Longway had three three-pointers.

Mountain Valley 63, Telstar 53, Dec. 11—Telstar's Casey Fleet had 19 points, Terry Collins 14, and Kurt Wight and Josh Longway eight each in a loss to Mt. Valley. The Rebels outscored MV by nine points over the final three quarters, but it was not enough to overcome a four-point first quarter. "Our freshmen are gaining valuable experience in some close games, and I hope that will help us later on in the season," said coach David Berry.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Wiscasset 46, Telstar 37, Dec. 13—Telstar's Lauren Hart and Anna Willard each had nine points and Krystal Gould eight in a loss to Wiscasset. Other scorers: Mariah Seames (7); Jennie Cox (4).

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 33, Dirigo 21, Dec. 12—Telstar's Kelsey Dole and Liz Rosenberg each had eight points in a win over Dirigo. Lindsay Hart went six-for-six from the foul line. Jillian Kimball had two three-pointers.

Madison 24, Telstar 19, Dec. 10—Telstar's Jillian Kimball had six points in a loss to Madison. "The girls had a tough third quarter, with only one point, but came back with 10 in the fourth," said coach Tim O'Connor.

Telstar High School winter snow sports preview

By ALISON ALOISIO

Snowboarding

This is the second year for the Telstar High School snowboarding team. But it's the first year the Rebels can actually score like a team.

That's because last year's newly-formed team program was dominated by middle-schoolers, with only five high school students between both the boys' and girls' squads. A minimum of four each are needed to score as a team.

This season, it's a different story for the boys, with five freshmen and a sophomore.

Sophomore Dan Dunham is joined by ninth-graders Ross Parker, Jeff Benson, Brock Merrill, Derrik Knox and Will Caswell.

"They're all motivated guys," said coach Scott Parker.

The team competes in the MAISAD league with private schools such as Gould, Kents Hill and Carabasset Valley.

Benson and Parker are currently the strongest boarders, but Coach Parker said Knox — who only started snowboarding last season — is coming on strong and can keep up with the others.

The whole team is about three weeks behind in training because of the lack of snow early this month. But with temperatures going down and help from the snowguns and Mother Nature, the team is now getting out on the slopes.

They compete in half-pipe, boardercross (a head-to-head race down a course), and slopestyle (in which style points count, in addition to speed).

While the boarders compete in MAISAD, they are also on another mission: to recruit other public schools to form teams. There appears to be some promise on the middle school front, said Parker, as Tripp Middle School plans to host a race this season at Lost Valley.

December to get on their skis.

Coach Gary Wight lost no boys to graduation, so he has a pretty good idea where the squad stands going into the season. Juniors John Reuter, Brian Zinchuk and Fred Bailey provide the backbone of the team.

They are joined by seniors Joel Doyon, Mark Tanguay and Jay Hanscom, sophomores Ben Shimamura, Peter Poor and Zane Howe, and freshmen Glen Carver

lone newcomer. Despite the small numbers, Wight expects the team to be competitive in the MVC.

Alpine

The boys' alpine team, like their cross-country counterparts, did not lose any skiers to graduation, and may gain in strength as the sophomores, who make up the core of the team, have grown bigger this year. The alpine squad also won the MVC championship last year.

The lineup includes senior Jay Aloisio, junior Dan Morgan, sophomores Adam Largess, Jake Largess, Travis Brooks and Mark Hodgkin, and freshmen Mike Brown, Frank Emerson, Tom Scotti, Frank Emerson and Andy Aloisio.

The girls' team suffered a loss with the graduation of Stephanie Vaughan, who won individual state championships several times during her high school career.

Returning are juniors Jessie Adams and Heather Zimmerman and sophomore Justine Carver. Freshmen will help boost the numbers, with Jessica James, Riley Gilbert, Britney Howe and Kaylie Smith joining the team.

Head coach Beth LaVallee is assisted by coach Peter Kenney of Sunday River.

The girls' alpine and cross-country teams combined to bring home the overall MVC skiing championship last year.

The boys' snowboarding, cross-country, and alpine teams should all be stronger than last year.

Parker is also recruiting for a girls' team. There are currently no high school girls boarding, although there are some in the middle school, he said.

The team receives added coaching from the Sunday River coaching staff.

Cross-country

The cross-country team, almost entirely dependent on natural snow, is more accustomed to waiting into

and Andy Aloisio.

"We've doubled in size," said Wight. "We should get better."

Last year's team was Mountain Valley Conference champions, so the skiers will have high expectations.

The girls' team lost Annie Kennett to graduation, but will have senior Caroline Raymond and juniors Sarah Gamble and Heather Zimmerman returning, all solid solid competitors, Wight said. Megan Bailey, a freshman, is the

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Inside Rotary — Is there any squash left? Way to come through in a clutch Rick W. Nice wrapping Anita. And, Al, your ticket number is? Thanks Jim M. for trusting us to make your raisin sauce. Thanks Dave N. for all you do.

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What a terrific turnout at L'Auberge Country Inn and Bistro's Business After Hours last week. It was great to see everyone and what amazing food owners Alexandra and Adam Adler and staff put out for the group. Thanks, Alex and Adam.

We are celebrating the soon-to-be full-time schedule of the Mountain Explorer shuttle, which goes on seven days per week service starting Friday, Dec. 21. Our late November and December weekend

ridership has been above projections, despite the slow start to the winter. Many thanks go to so many people who have been involved in getting this fantastic project off the ground, some who have been working on committees for nearly six years. The kick-off party is Thursday night and all those who have invested in this project are invited. It starts at 4 p.m. at the Bethel Inn. Many thanks to Bethel Inn, Sudbury Inn, Sunday River Brewing Co., Great Grizzly Bar and Steakhouse and Sunday River's Bumps Pub for entertaining the group.

Many of you may have seen a press release about the upcoming 2nd annual Antique Snowmobile Show and Grooming Rodeo weekend, which is scheduled for Jan. 25-27. In the release it was mentioned that the Bethel firemen are organizing the BBQ and food tent as a benefit. This, in addition to the Androskoggin River Polar Bear Plunge "Challenge" will benefit the outfitting of the new rescue boat.

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) News	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!					Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32) Life of Santa Claus	Robbie	Twins Night	Movie: "Borrowed Hearts: A Holiday Romance"						700 Club	
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Schwartz	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	ER			News	
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire		Primetime Thursday			News	
(10) News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Frontline	Mystery!					Lady Bird	
(22) Gameday	College Football: Tangerine Bowl - North Carolina State vs. Pittsburgh								Sportscenter	
(34) Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "That Thing You Do!"						Star Trek	
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Africa	CSI: Crime Son	Agency					News	
(41) Tailgate	Best Damn Sports Show Period			Last Word					College Basketball	
(15) "Terminal Velocity"	Inside the NFL		Movie: "American Psycho"						GSiring	GSiring
(17) Movie: "Life Size"		Movie: "Zenon: The Zequel"							Movie: "Life Size"	
(18) Creature		Movie: "Road Trip"							Pleasures	
(20) NHL Hockey: Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins							Front Row - Vertical Run	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44) Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "A Father for Brittany"						Golden	Golden
(5) Friends	Fresh Pr.	College Basketball: Georgetown vs. Virginia							Movie: "Hoosiers"	
(24) Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Hey Arnold!	Brady	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	
(25) Three Stooges		Movie: "North to Alaska"							Movie: "Chisum"	
(26) JAG		Movie: "Prancer Returns"				JAG		Smush	Martin	
(27) Law & Order		Biography				Poirot			Law & Order	
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Scrooge"				News			In the Heat of the Night	
(39) Wolf Blitzer	Crossfire	The Point		Larry King Live		Newsnight			Greenfield	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) News	Frasier	Movie: "Avalanche"					Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32) Jack Frost		Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"							Santa Is Coming to Town	700 Club
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Figure Skating	Dateline						Law & Order	News
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	America's Funniest	Classic TV Bloopers						Challenge America	News
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Keeping Up	Life 360				Egg	Egg
(22) College Football: Division I-AA Playoffs		Basketball							College Basketball: Maryland at Oklahoma	Sportscenter
(34) Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: The Next Generation						Star Trek: Next Gener.	
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	A Home for the Holidays	That's Life						48 Hours	News
(41) Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Boston Celtics								Sports	Best-Sports
(15) Inside the NFL		Movie: "Meet the Parents"							Creature Features	Greenlight
(17) Proud	Lizzie	"The Ultimate Christmas Present"							Movie: "Twins the Night"	BugJuice
(18) U.S. Seals	Movie: "What Lies Beneath"								Movie: "Vertical Limit"	
(20) Wild World of Winter	Front Row - Vertical Run	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44) Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Road Rage"							Once and Again	
(5) Friends	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "The Goonies"							Movie: "Scrooged"	
(24) Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Oddparents	Olive, the Other Reindeer					Cheers	All in Family
(25) Three Stooges		Movie: "The Enemy Below"							Cinema	Movie: "Son of Dracula"
(26) JAG		Movie: "Mr. Holland's Opus"								Movie: "Dirty Work"
(27) Law & Order		Biography							Holiday at Pops!	Law & Order
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "White Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf"							News	In the Heat of the Night
(39) Wolf Blitzer	Crossfire	The Point		Larry King Live					Newsnight	Greenfield

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 22, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New York Islanders									Entertainment Tonight	Star Trek: Voyager
(32) Without Santa	Frosty's	Robbie							Movie: "The Christmas Path"	Borrowed Hearts
(6) News	Seinfeld	Movie: "Face/Off"								News
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sports Rap Live							NFL Football: Tennessee Titans at Oakland Raiders	Sat. Night
(10) Mad TV	Opinion	Antiques Roadshow UK	Time Goes	Barbara	Red Green Christmas				Red Green	Red Green
(22) Sportscenter Remembers	Countdown								College Basketball: Illinois at Missouri	College Hoops 2Night
(34) Rodeo	Monster Jam								WWF Excess	WWF Excess Late Night
(13) Entertainment Tonight	Touched by an Angel	District							District	News
(41) Women's College Basketball: Oregon at USC		Beyond the Glory							Sports	Beyond the Glory
(15) Battlefield Earth: Cont'd		Movie: "Red Planet"							Shock Video	"The Perfect Storm"
(17) Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "Bug's Life"							Movie: "The Luck of the Irish"	BugJuice
(18) Space Cowboys: Cont'd		Movie: "Vampire in Brooklyn"							Movie: "The Last Patrol"	
(20) Interview: McCarver	College Basketball: Eastern Illinois at Ohio State								ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44) Movie: "Cruel Doubt"										Movie: "Circle of Deceit"
(5) Movie: Rocky III										Movie: "Gladiator"
(24) Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Catdog							Garcia	Cheers
(25) The Great Waldo Pepper		Movie: "Bulch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"							Movie: "Rock 'n' Roll High School"	
(26) Movie: "The Firm": Cont'd		Movie: "Rain Man"								Law & Order
(27) Law & Order		Biography of the Year							Andrea Bocelli	100 Centre Street
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Vanishing Act"							MacGyver	Death Wish
(39) Capital Gang		CNN Presents							Larry King Weekend	Report

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 23, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Car 54, Where Are You?"					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wildest Police Videos	
(32) Rudolph-Frosty		Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"							Movie: "I'll Be Home for Christmas"	
(6) Lost		Movie: "Beloved"							News	Hol Ticket
(8) Movie: "Jingle All the Way"									Alias	Practice
(10) RallyKissangel		Nature							American Masters	River Iron
(22) Sportscenter	NFL Primetime								NFL Football: New York Jets at Indianapolis Colts	Sportscenter
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Fame for 15	Ultimate	Small Shots						Movie: "The Birdcage"	
(13) Friends	Max Bickford								Movie: "One Special Night"	News
(41) NBA Basketball: Grizzlies at Celtics		College Basketball							Sports	Beyond the Glory
(15) "If Looks Could Kill"	Sopranos	Sex & City	Sex & City						Greenlight	Movie: "Proof of Life"
(17) Proud	Lizzie	Santa Claus Brothers							Movie: "Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves"	Movie: "A Simple Wish"
(18) Movie: "Gladiator"										Movie: "The Confender"
(20) Fan Attic: Neely Hat Trick									ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44) Movie: "Lucky Girl"									Movie: "The Christmas Wish"	Movie: "Unlikely Angel"
(5) The Outlaw Josey Wales		Movie: "Sinking Distance"								Movie: "Sinking Distance"
(24) Taina	Ginger	Callin	Garcia	Family Ties	Family Ties				Cheers	All in Family
(25) Downhill	The Lot	Movie: "Four for Texas"							Screen	Movie: "A Shot in the Dark"
(26) "Rain Man"		Movie: "Crimson Tide"							JAG	Law & Order
(27) 100 Centre Street		Nero Wolfe							City Confidential	Law & Order
(12) Mulan X		Andromeda							Earth: Final Conflict	News
(39) CNN Presents	Wolf Blitzer	People							Larry King Weekend	Special Report

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) News	Frasier	Fat Albert	One	Parkers	Girlfriends		Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32) Rudolph's New Year		Santa Is Coming to Town		Without Santa					Jack Frost	700 Club
(6) Hollywood	Seinfeld	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"								News
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Ernest Saves Christmas"							Come Together	News
(10) News-Lehrer		Arthur's Cmas							Utah Symphony and Mormon	Navy Blue Messiah
(22) Sportscenter	Best of Sportscenter								Sportscenter	Sportscenter
(34) Fame for 15		Star Trek: Next Gener.							WWF Raw	Star Trek: Next Gener.
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Ellen	Raymond	Becker				Family Law	News
(41) NASCAR	Best Damn Sports Show Period								Last Word	Best-Sports
(15) Cocon II	"Twins Night"	Game of Their Lives							Movie: "The Replacements"	"Any Given Sunday"
(17) Movie: "Twins the Night"									Movie: "Babes in Toyland"	Movie: "A Smoky Mountain Christmas"
(18) "Cold Harvest": Cont'd		Movie: "All the Pretty Horses"								Movie: "Disclosure"
(20) Boating	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44) "Taking Back Our Town"		Movie: "Miracle in the Woods"								Movie: "I'll Be Home for Christmas"
(5) Friends	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Turner & Hooch"								Movie: "The Rel"
(24) Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Catdog	Brady	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family
(25) Three Stooges		Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"							Backstory	Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"
(26) Movie: "Prancer"									Movie: "Prancer Returns"	Movie: "Prancer"
(27) Mysteries of the Bible		Rise of Christianity: The First 1000 Years								
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "A Christmas Carol"							News	Movie: "Scrooge"
(39) Wolf Blitzer	Crossfire	The Point							Larry King Live	Newsnight

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) News	Frasier	Buff the Vampire Slayer	Rendez	Off Limits			Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32) Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"									Movie: "A Thousand Men and a Baby"	700 Club
(6) NBA Basketball: Raptors at Knicks									NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Lakers	News
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dharma	Spin City	Dharma	Spin City				NYPD Blue	News
(10) News-Lehrer		Nova							National Geographic	People-Planos
(22) Strongest Man		NFL's Greatest Game							NFL's Greatest Game	Sportscenter
(34) Movie: "The Godfather Saga": Cont'd										Star Trek: Next Gener.
(13) Dr. James Kennedy	JAG								Judging Amy	News
(41) Source	Best Damn Sports Show Period								Last Word	Best-Sports
(15) Movie: "Green Card": Cont'd		Beautiful							Movie: "Red Planet"	Greenlight
(17) "The Ultimate Christmas Present"									Movie: "Twins the Night"	Movie: "It Nearly Wasn't Christmas"
(18) The Arrival	Movie: "Vertical Limit"									Movie: "Big Momma's House"
(20) Sportscenter		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44) "A Christmas Romance"		Movie: "Holiday Affair"								Movie: "Zoya"
(5) "McIntock": Cont'd		Movie: "Big Jake"								Movie: "The Sons of Katie Elder"
(24) Ginger	Oddparents	Spongeb	Rugrats	Brady	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	All in Family
(25) Miracle		Movie: "The African Queen"							Backstory	Movie: "An Affair to Remember"
(26) Movie: "The Flintstones"									Movie: "The Flintstones"	Smush
(27) Nero Wolfe		Biography							Investigative Reports	Law & Order
(12) Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Santa Claus"							News	In the Heat of the Night
(39) Wolf Blitzer	Crossfire	The Point							Larry King Live	Newsnight

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	News	Frasier	Enterprise		Iron Chef USA		Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32)	Step-Step	WonderYr	Movie: "The Reluctant Astronaut"				WonderYr	WonderYr	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Ed		West Wing		Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	Jim	Drew Carey	Whose?	20/20		News	
10	News-Lehrer		National Geographic		Great Performances				Nobel: Visions	
(22)	Dale Earnhardt Sr.		NHL Hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars				Sportscenter			
(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "Missing in Action 2: The Beginning"				Star Trek: Next Gener.	
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes II		Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of Arts				News	
(41)	See This	Best Damn Sports Show Period				NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Utah Jazz				Sports
(15)	"Ghostbusters II" Cont'd		Movie: "Good Advice"			Greenlight	Six Feet Under		Oz	
(17)	Movie: "Molocrossed"				Movie: "Wish Upon a Star"			Movie: "A Kid in Aladdin's Palace"		
(18)	"Another You" Cont'd		Movie: "Perfect Prey"					Movie: "The Contender"		
(20)	NHL Hockey: Ottawa Senators at Boston Bruins					Front Row - Vertical Run		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "On the Second Day of Christmas"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Friends	Friends	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Movie: "Grease"				Ripley's Believe It or Not!	
(24)	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Rugrats	Brady	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family
(25)	Three Stooges		Movie: "True Grit"				Movie: "The Natural"			
(26)	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: "Nothing to Lose"				Smush	Martin
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		American Justice		City Confidential		Law & Order	
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "The Care and Handling of Roses"				News		In the Heat of the Night	
(39)	Wolf Blitzer	Crossfire	The Best		Larry King Live		Newsnight		Cranfield	Managers

Events Calendar



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District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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8:30 to 9:30 a.m. — **Water Aerobics at Bethel Inn** — Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Call 875-2065 for more information.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., **Thru Dec. 23** — **Tape/CD signing** by storyteller Joe Perham at Maine Line Products store in Locke Mills. Twelve cassettes and two CDs recount tales of life in Maine poking fun at country and city lifestyles. Win admission to The Big Adventure Center, Bethel, and a pound of fudge in daily drawings. Grand Prize: Maine Line Products Gift Basket awarded Dec. 23. Call 875-2522 or go to Web site www.maine-lineproducts.com for more information.

To South Paris area veterans: The Veterans' Service Officer will not be at the Maine Veterans' Home due to other department business. He will, however, be there on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at his usual time (9 a.m. to noon).

Friday, Dec. 21

6 p.m. — **Waterford Congregational Church** will hold Christmas caroling. Everyone will carpool to area homes to sing. No singing talent required. If interested call Pastor Anita White at 782-3193.

Saturday, Dec. 22

8 to 11:30 p.m. — **Old-fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall** with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

4 p.m. — **20th annual Live Nativity** at Oxford Advent Christian Church, Route 26, Oxford. Cast of 60-plus costumed people with live animals and music. Chowder supper following. Public invited free of charge.

Sunday, Dec. 23

5 p.m. — **Bethel community annual Living Nativity** on the Common. Those wishing to be part of the pageant or choir should meet at Bethel Inn Conference Center at 3:30 p.m. to get dressed and to go over parts. Pictures will be taken by the nationally

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Veterans' Services

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Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743 6100). Rumford Employment Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7 to 10 a.m. Monday thru Friday. location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

Mental Illness Support Group

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 335-9999 off hours, 928-3222.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.
Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-11 a.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the Public.
Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.
Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Upton Library: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

known magazine, Country Woman, for a future article. For more information, call 824-2289.

2 p.m. — **Andover First Congregational Church** will present an afternoon of seasonal songs. Soprano Maria Cornwell will perform classical selections and a carol-sing will conclude the afternoon. A free will offering will be taken to benefit David Sithole, a church-sponsored college student.

5:30 p.m. — **First Universalist Church of West Paris** will hold its annual Christmas party and potluck supper at the church. A dessert of ice cream and cupcakes provided. Bring a main dish to share. Included will be a Christmas tree and an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Bring a gift with child's name on it for Santa to give out.

Christmas Day

Noon to 1:30 p.m. — **Christmas Dinner** free of charge for anyone who is home alone, homeless, on low income, or anyone who does not want to cook will be held at the bingo hall at St. Athanasius and St. John's Church, Franklin Street, Rumford. Menu: turkey, ham, vegetables, cranberries/cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, pies, cakes, breads and more. Santa Claus will be there. For more information call Charlotte Louvat at 562-7541 and leave a message.

Thursday, Dec. 27

7 p.m. — **Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.**, sponsored by the Black Diamond Family Entertainment

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 9 a.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office.

Second Sunday: Western Maine Mountain Trail Mixers ATV Club meets at 6:30pm at Sun Valley Sports, 129 Sunday River Road, Bethel. New members welcome.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.
Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/B at Bethel Fire Station.

First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m.
First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.
Franklin Grange #124, 7:00p.m., call 674-3046 or 674-3962 for more info.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Third Monday: Greenwood Comprehensive Planning Committee meets at town office, 7p.m.
Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.
Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.
Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.
Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally III-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Frank Gibson home, North Road, Bethel, at 7 p.m.
Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
FACTS (Family/Friends And Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Elthel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Greenwood selectmen meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.
Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.
Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.
Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.
Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

CrossCountry Quilters will meet at the Robinson House or Bethel Library from 9 to 11am except the last Tuesday of each month the meeting will be from 7 to 9pm.
Cub Scout Pack 566 meeting, 6 p.m., at Crescent Park School Cafeteria.

Mollycoddett Chorus practice, 6:30-9 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sketfield Rd., Oxford (Call 824-2468 for info).
First Wednesday: Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7 p.m.
Bethel Area Archery Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Series, will perform at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$4/\$6 children 12 and under; \$6/\$8 adults. For more information, call 8924-3575.

Monday, Dec. 31

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. — **New Year's Dance** at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Buffet lunch at 9:45 p.m. Donations: \$8.50 each. Non-alcoholic. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Fourth annual New Year's Eve Bethel. Venues include Henry Bascomb, Maine Humorist; Worthley and Clark, Scottish music; Rowe by Rowe, lively balladeers; Inca Son, Peruvian and Latin American music; Gray-Caybe Family, classical, folk, and original music; and State Street Jazz, New Orleans jazz. There will be a lighted vehicle parade, community bonfire, food court and fireworks. For more information, call 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Friday, Jan. 4

Greenwood Residents — Deadline for placing an article in the Town Warrant and request funding for March 30, 2002 Town Meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

7 p.m. — **"Lake Umbagog Wildlife Refuge"** by Paul Casey, refuge manager, sponsored by Mahoosuc Land Trust at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 824-3806.

11 a.m. — **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** dinner and meeting at Sudbury Inn (\$7). Dues are payable at this meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Celebrating Fatherhood, Father and Child Events, sponsored by Community Concepts, will have a craft and play time with dinner in Rumford. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

Friday, Jan. 11

1 to 6 p.m. — **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Sunday River Ski Resort. All blood types needed. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. For more information, call (800) 482-0743.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Celebrating Fatherhood, Father and Child Events, sponsored by Community Concepts, will have a craft and play time with dinner in South Paris. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

Sunday, Feb. 17

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Oxford ARC 27th annual Ride-In 2002** at Horizons Unlimited, Swain Road, Rumford, sponsored by Northern Oxford County Snowmobile and Service Clubs from Rumford, Mexico, Peru, Dixfield, Carthage, Weld, Roxbury, Andover, Newry and Canton. Raffle drawing at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Tanya at 364-4561.

Second Wednesday: Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

Friends of the West Paris Library, 6:30 p.m. (new members welcome)

Oxford County Democrats. Contact: Cathy Newell at 875-2116.
First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.
Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.
Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Last Wednesday of Sept., Nov., March and May: Crescent Park School PTA, 6:30-8 p.m. Babysitting provided.
Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

The Harmony Singers, a new Bethel community chorus, rehearses from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Wednesday evenings at 196 Intervale Road. This group welcomes singers of all ages and abilities. Join us on Wednesday evenings or send inquiries to jill@etel.net or call 824-8721.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.
Bethel Recreation Board meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Bethel Alliance Church, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.
Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.
A book discussion group at Whitman Memorial Library at 10:00am starting October 11.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.
West Paris Grange #298, 7:30pm. Call 674-3962 or 674-3046

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m.
West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

MS self-help group at the West Parish Congregational Church next to Gould Academy. Call Gale Toot at 836-2900 for more information. 1-2:30 p.m.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.
Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.
St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.
Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Seasonal only: Every Saturday: Bethel Farmers' Market, Bethel Area Health Center parking lot, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Locally grown produce and local goods.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

Church Services

Bethel

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Men's and women's groups Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Home prayer groups 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays. Youth ministries 6:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and church school. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Starting Dec. 8, please note the time change. 743-2606. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school. For info, call 836-2844 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Third Sunday each month at the Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, at 4 p.m. For more information, call 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first, second third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: George Weber, 892-0779

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15am; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Choir Practice 4:45pm; Evening Preaching Service 6:00pm. Wednesdays: Patch the Pirate Club 6:30pm; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6:30pm.

Unitarian Universalist—Will hold its December service on Sunday, December 23 at 4:00pm. Services will then be suspended until Easter when we will resume the first and third Sundays.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday AM worship 10:45am, Sunday PM praise 6:30pm, Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:45pm, Thursday Men's Discipleship 7:00pm, Friday Awana clubs: Sparks 3:30-5:00, Big 4 Clubs 6-8 p.m. Contact church for schedule of Ladies Discipleship and bible study groups. Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

Gorham, N.H.

Assembly of God—Pastor Paul Levegin. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

Oxford County United Parish—Rev. George Frobig, 10 a.m. worship; Sunday School 10:00am at North Waterford Church through winter months.

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the church.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation—Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service: 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris—UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June). 674-2365.

West Paris Baptist—Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor/Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (First Sunday of each month, Singing/Inspiration alternating between North Paris Federated and West Paris Baptist).

West Paris Congregational Church—Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

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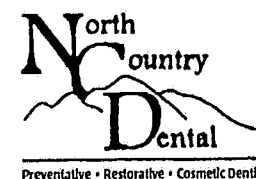
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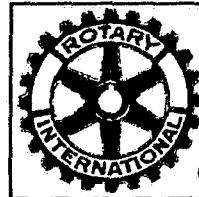
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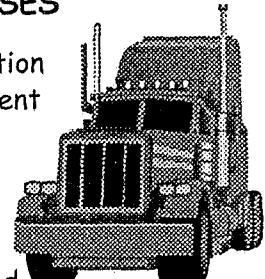


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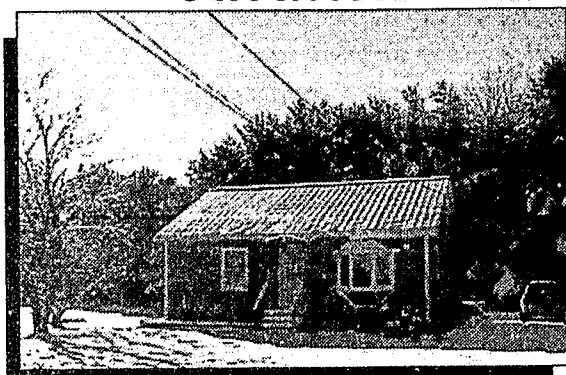
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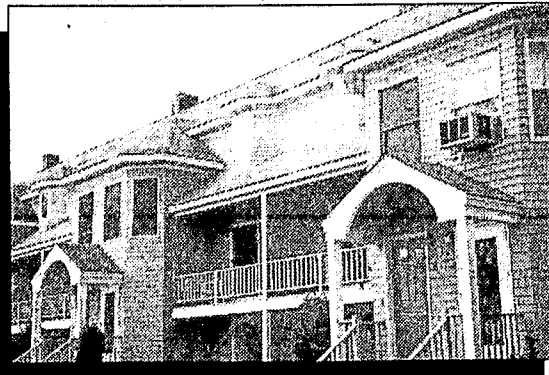
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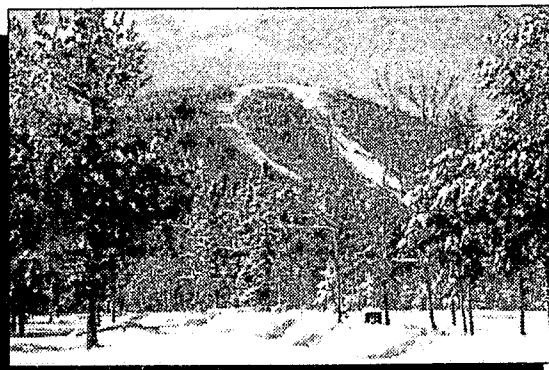
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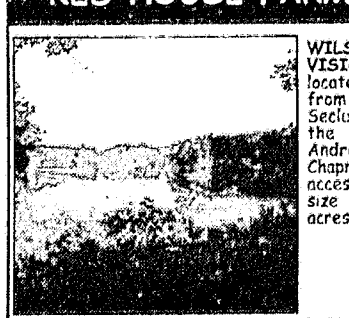


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Obituaries

RUTH H. CUMMINGS

Ruth H. Cummings, age 81, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001 at Ledgewood Nursing Home, West Paris.

She was born in Newry on July 17, 1920, the daughter of Hartley H. and Gertrude Sawyer Hanscom and was educated in Newry and Woodstock schools.

Mrs. Cummings was a housekeeper in Oxford and South Paris; she also worked at Tebbets Spool Co. in Locke Mills and also at Hanover Dowel Co. in Bethel, where she worked for over 20 years.

She was member of the Alliance Church in Bethel, a former member of the Mt. Abram Fish and Game Club of Locke Mills, and a member of the Bethel Historical Society. She was very active in the community, including volunteer work for the Bethel Rescue Unit.

Mrs. Cummings also wrote a column for the Bethel Citizen. She enjoyed gardening, canning and pickling what she and her husband grew. She lived in the Bethel and Locke Mills area most of her life. She married Arthur J. Cummings on March 14, 1942; he died Nov. 24, 1992.

Survivors include one brother, Rodney Hanscom of Bethel; a special niece, Vada Taylor of Rumford and St. Petersburg, Fla.; and several other special nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by five sisters, Mabel, Vada, Ella, Hazel, and Amy; and two brothers, Ray and Roger.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 17, at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, Vernon Street, Bethel. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make contributions in Ruth's memory to the Newry Community Church, c/o Rodney Hanscom, PO Box 644, Bethel, ME 04217 or to the Bethel Alliance Church, PO Box 306, Bethel, ME 04217.

In Loving Memory

Curt Alan Martin
12/20/42-4/16/98
Brother and Uncle

Remembered, ever so gently, with a smile.
"Your light's still shining in my heart"

Sandra & Dick Morgan
Alan Curt Dunham

In Loving Memory

Curt Alan Martin
December 20th, 1942

If I could make one wish and have it come true, I'd wish we could celebrate our birthdays together like we used to do.

But you have gone to your new home with God up above. So I'll just say "Happy Birthday" son and send you all my love.

Lovingly missed,
Mom

DONALD W. CALDERWOOD

Donald W. Calderwood of Mesa, Ariz., died on Nov. 9, 2001.

Mr. Calderwood, a retired pharmacist, was born in South Portland. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of the Hiram Masonic Lodge, Chapter, Commandry, Scottish Rites and Kora Shrine in Maine.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Mary Sanborn Calderwood of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Bethel; and one cousin in Maine.

A Masonic service and funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Robert Deits, were held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at Chapel of Prayer in Mesa, Ariz. Interment will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, South Portland, in the spring.

HENRY KNOX BICKFORD JR.

Henry Knox Bickford Jr., 81, of South Paris, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.

He was born in Norway on Feb. 2, 1920, the son of Henry Knox Sr., and Winifred McKeen Bickford. He graduated from Norway High School in 1937. He worked 28 years as a meat cutter for Oxford Foods in Norway and retired in 1962.

He served four years during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an airplane mechanic gunner, in the campaigns of New Guinea, Bismarck, Archipelago and Luzon, South Philippines, with the 63rd Bombardment Squadron, 43 Bombardment Group H.

His first wife, Sally, died in 1964; he married Ann H. Hathaway in 1970.

He was active in Norway "Penny Players," and original member of Norway-Paris Comets (drum and bugle). He was a 50-year member and past commander of Post 82 of the American Legion, the past master of the Masonic Lodge 18 AF & AM, and a life member and past patron of Oxford Chapter 168 of the Order of Eastern Star in Norway. He was honored with a grand representative appointment to the state of Washington in 1992-1993.

Survivors include two sons, H.

In Loving Memory

of Tobin Heath
2/26/70 to 12/20/99

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
A beautiful life has
come to an end
He died as he lived,
everyone's friend
He never failed to do his best
His heart was true and tender
He simply lived for
those he loved
And those he loved
remember
For those who have a son
cherish him with care
Cause you'll never know
the heartache
Until he isn't there

-Lovingly remembered
and sadly missed by
Mom and Dad

Knox III of Doylestown, Pa., and James O. of Portland, Ore.; a sister, Mary Cullinan of Norway; two grandchildren; five stepchildren, Thomas Swan of Manchester, Sharon Swan Frost of Hampden, Dorothy Swan Brown of Auburn, Margie Swan Bartlett of Andover and Michael Swan of Lisbon. He was predeceased by a sister, Barbara McGovern.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Christ Episcopal Church of Norway, with the Rev. Anne Stanley officiating. A Masonic and Order of the Eastern Star service was held during visiting hours on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Donations in Mr. Bickford's memory can be made to the Stephens Memorial Hospital Caring Tree Fund, 181 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268 or the Christ Episcopal Church, Paris Street, Norway, ME 04268.

SHIRLEY D. TRACY

Shirley D. Tracy, 82, wife of the late Woodbury H. Tracy, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001 at an Ellsworth health care facility.

She was born in Belfast on July 15, 1919, the daughter of Fred and Vesta (Rollerson) Dodge. Shirley attended the Bangor School of Commerce (currently Husson College) and worked as a teller at the First National Bank of Bar Harbor for 15 years. In later years, she and Woodbury belonged to Acadia Belles and Buoy Squaredance Club.

She attended services at the Somerville Union Meetinghouse.

One of her major accomplishments was compiling the writings of her son, Caleb, and having them published into a book, "All That I Am, Will Be."

She will be remembered as a good wife, mother, and grandmother.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Shirley Tracy of Ellsworth, and Linda Tracy Kuzyk and her husband Peter of Bethel; four grandchildren, Tracy Ann Ward of Berkeley, Calif., Elizabeth Ann Gimpel of Cork, Ireland, Christopher William Torrey of Bar Harbor, and Cynthia Ellen Torrey of Bangor; a special niece and nephew, Ruth Marie Vaillancourt, and Rich-

In Loving Memory Larry A. Robinson

Larry another Christmas without you, you are still missed and loved as much today as the day God called you to heaven. Not a day goes by I don't think of you. I love you Larry and wish you were here. Merry Christmas.

Mother

Card of Thanks

A sincere thank you to all who sent cards and flowers during my hospital stay in Boston and for the visits, cards and phone calls since my return home. A special thanks to friends Mary, Becky, Hi, Oscar and Frank who drove me to Lewiston on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for radiation treatments.

Bob Davis

ard Vaillancourt; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, Caleb T. Tracy; four sisters; and her mother-in-law, Grace Tracy Reed.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Bragdon-Kelley-Campbell Funeral Home, 215 Main Street in Ellsworth with the Rev. Mark Worth officiating. Interment was at Somes Sound Cemetery, Somerville. Gifts in memory of Shirley may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, 163 Lancaster Street, Suite 160B, Portland, ME 04101. A memorial register and directions are available on-line at Legacy.com.

PHYLLIS W. WILLIAMSON

Phyllis W. Williamson, 85, died Dec. 13, 2001 at a Yarmouth nursing facility.

She was born on June 25, 1916, in Jackson, a daughter of Floyd and Laila Walton Winship. She received her BS from Farmington State Teachers College, a M.Ed and C.A.G.S. from the University of Maine at Orono.

Her teaching career began in 1936 at a one-room rural school at McChrill Corner in Wilton where she taught kindergarten through grade eight for several years. Later she taught in Temple and then for more than two decades at the Mallett School in Farmington, retiring in 1974.

During part of the 1950s and 1960s, she was an assistant professor of education at the University of Maine at Farmington. Mrs. Williamson was the first campus schoolteacher to receive this appointment.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the American Legion Auxiliary continuously since World War II, several genealogical and educational associations, the Calico Quilters and the Pine Tree Quilters. Her hobbies included gardening, canning, genealogical research, sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting and reading.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John (Pauline) Buck of Yarmouth; a son, Charles H. Whitney of Fairfield; five stepdaughters, Mrs. Harry (Shirley) Carroll of Virginia, Mrs. George (Edith) Brown of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Cecil (Constance) Wade of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Albert (Jean) Quandt of Valley Falls, N.Y., Mrs. Norman (Faye) Roy of Bryant

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Pond; five granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; several step grandchildren; step great and step great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Winship of Unity. She was predeceased by her husbands, Reginald E. Whitney in 1959 and Reginald H. Williamson in 1991; a stepson, Reginald E. in 1986; and two brothers, Harold Winship in 1988 and Hershel Winship this year.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 13 at Portland Ward Chapel, Cape Elizabeth with interment in Fairview Cemetery, Farmington.

RETA L. EMOND

Reta L. Thompson Emond, 70, of Holyoke, Mass., formerly of Bethel, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001 at Holyoke Hospital.

Born in Bethel, the daughter of

the late Lloyd and Beatrice Thompson, she had lived in Massachusetts more than 50 years.

Mrs. Emond was employed for 15 years at Digital Corp. in Westfield, Mass., retiring in 1991. She was a member of First Lutheran Church of Holyoke.

Her husband, Robert Emond, died in 1988.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Gary and Laurie of Southwick, Mass., Carole and Phil Schneider of Hampden, Mass., and Kim and Todd Greenwood of Holyoke, Mass.; her twin sister, Rena Lessard of Holyoke, Mass.; two brothers, Robert and Earle Thompson both of Norway; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a sister, Verna Thompson Sellers in 2000.

Area Christmas Services

Bethel

Living Nativity on the Bethel Common—Dec. 23, 5 p.m., next to the gazebo.
West Parish Congregational—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service of readings and carols, 7:30 p.m.; Service of Communion and Candlelight, 11 p.m.

Bethel Alliance—Dec. 23—Christmas Sunday service, 10 a.m. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve candlelight service with special music, 7 p.m.

United Methodist—Dec. 23: Sunday service with special music by harpist Elissa Lufkin of the Rainbow Church, and Sunday School bellringers and singers, 10 a.m. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service of carols and readings, 7 p.m.

West Bethel Union—Dec. 23: Candlelight service of readings and carols, 7 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene—Dec. 23: Children's concert (O Christmas Tree), 10:30 a.m. Following the Living Nativity on the Common at 5 p.m., there will be also Christmas music and special events at the Nazarene Church.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Dec. 20: Special Sunday School and Awana service with music and recitations, 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Snows—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve mass, 6 p.m.
Watch Night Service (ecumenical)—Dec. 31, 4 p.m. at West Parish Congregational Church. Minister: The Rev. Gwyneth Bohr.

Andover

Calvary Congregational—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve short song service, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

First Congregational—Dec. 23: An afternoon of seasonal song, 2 p.m. Soprano Maria Cornwell will perform selections from Handel's "Messiah," Schubert's "Ave Maria," and other classical favorites; audience sing will conclude event.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Congregational—Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service of candlelight, carols and communion, 7 p.m.

Bryant Pond

Bryant Pond Baptist—Dec. 23: Christmas program, "The Message of Christmas," 6 p.m. Dec. 24: Christmas caroling, 6 p.m., followed by refreshments and testimonies at the church at 7 p.m.

West Paris

West Paris Congregational—Christmas Eve service, 5:30 p.m.
West Paris Baptist—Christmas Eve service with special music and performances, 7 p.m.

Dirty
Birdie
Guess
Who's
30!

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~ Carol Whitman, Town Manager ~

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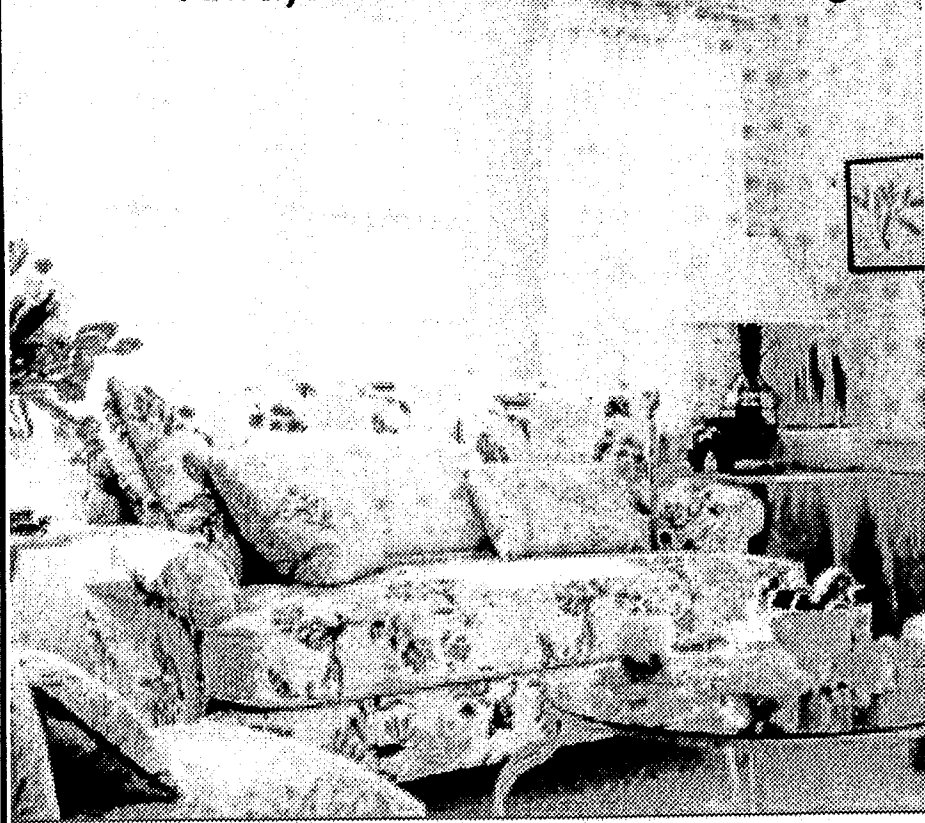
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